Appendix B: Open-ended Questions Full Responses

Q7: How would you improve our city services?

All insurance of auto are higher than any other area due to car break-in and car theft; but no easy solution.

better code enforcement in neighborhoods of property maintenance

Better enforcement of codes. Excessive noise & trash in area; have been cited for neighboring properties' failure to clean up trash.

Better enforcement of non-registered "hotels" (houses renting rooms). Better parking enforcement of non-movable vehicles and improper parking in yards and across sidewalks.

By enforcing the ordinances that have been established.

Code Enf is the terrible. There are so many violations visible to residents that the code enf staff SHOULD be seeing, but I see them more on their cell phones than working! They must drive around with blindfolds on.

Code enforcement and parking enforcement is very important to maintaining neighborhood quality of life, but I routinely see violations that don't seem to be noticed by the officers. When Public Works doesn't pick up paint can and tires, these items should be immediately reported to Code Enforcement for follow up and warnings or citations. When trash is put out many days before pick up it should be cited. The City needs to start planting trees in roadside areas. Pepco removed a lot of trees, but there aren't many replacements. The street sweeping is not frequent enough, and many streets never seem to be cleaned. This is not acceptable.

Code enforcement for rental properties can be much improved for over grown shrubs and over grown grass.

Code enforcement needs to be more vigilant with the rental properties in the neighborhood. Too many occupants per house and houses are in disrepair. I rarely see a code enforcement officer riding through the neighborhood.

Code Enforcement should enforce the codes, i.e. lawns need to be mowed, properties maintained to keep our city a livable community. Public works seems to maintain city properties in some neighborhoods better than others, i.e. entrance to cpw is always a disaster. Maybe a boy scout troop or girl scout troop could be encouraged to help with plantings, etc.

code enforcement!!!

Codes: Keep number of habitants at a rental property to a reasonable limit for the space. Limit the number of vehicles at a rental property.

Trash: I don't understand why paper bagged yard waste goes into the trash truck.

Combine parking and code enforcement. Hire Code enforcements officers who do more than just drive around in their cars -- they need to look for trashy properties and businesses working in residential neighborhoods.

Either enforce your codes, or eliminate them if you are going to ignore them, e.g. parking on lawns, more than 5 people in rentals; more noise control needed.

Enforce consistently throughout the City

Fines for littering. More trash cans.

flexibility around code enforcement relative to trash pick up, code compliance (noise, parking,) and overall sensitivity and promotion of community living

Get code enforcement officers who know enough about the code and care enough to enforce it. I've noticed that code enforcement officers are sometimes vindictive against the citizens who complain. There must be some way to improve that department.

Have Code Enforcement be more proactive. Why do we need to call to complain when they drive right past a problem & do nothing about it?

Have people trim sidewalks & mow yards

I do not agree with the policy that if you have one warning for any infraction, any subsequent infraction, whether it has anything to do with the first infraction or not, is automatically a ticket. There is also one particular female code enforcement officer whose standards are WAY beyond anyone else's. Example: I have had my trash toters in the same location in my side yard for 18 years. Last year she was leaving

threatening notices and warnings of fines if they were not moved to a different location, stating they were in front of my house, which they were not. So how come no other code enforcement officer has any issue with them? We have had repeated run ins with this particular officer, while we have no issues with any other officer. This to me says she is too much in love with the power of her office.

I think the code enforcement needs to be done to protect tenants from slumlords, not to harass both tenants and landlords and drive out renters.

I would appreciate a greater level of attention to the maintenance of rental properties in my neighborhood especially during the summertime.

I would have the city require owners to cut dead or dying trees down before crisis. I believe the "rental" properties look awful because the city doesn't keep owners accountable.

I would like to see code enforcement contact neighbors who's property needs attention instead of having neighbors call on neighbors. When you see code enforcement riding around days on end and the weeds are covering the fire hydrant and stop sign on the corner and neighbors grass is 1' tall and another neighbor hasn't mowed his back yard in more than 3 years it makes you wonder why they aren't doing their job. Some of these problems can't be seen from the road, however, that could be corrected if code enforcement got out of their cars and did a walk through of the neighborhoods instead of just driving around with blinders on getting paid.

If you are going to fine one person you need to fine everyone, not just select few.

Improve the enforcement of existing Code Enforcement program - perhaps more staff is needed, or existing staff needs more training and education.

jump on people with to much crap in their yards and yards that are not kept up. also jump on people with oversize vehicles parked in their yard and jump on people with too many vehicles parked on the street for the number of drivers in the household.

Keep up with abandoned houses or foreclosures. These houses give a bad look to the neighborhood. If the homes had been maintained while the occupants lived there, it would not look so bad once they were gone.

Less time on interior inspections and more time on exterior inspection of extreme violations. Give warning but provide consistent inspections that let residents know that certain behaviors are not acceptable.

Make code enforcement more proactive by patrolling the streets looking for code violators and taking appropriate action.

More control over rental properties

More overall code enforcement, especially for business property external upkeep/maintenance/cleanliness

My issue is the number of rental properties in my community. The tenants (mostly college students) do not have a vested interest in the community and create trash, noise and too many cars.

Need higher level of code enforcement on owner occupied property. (Cars that never move or are being repaired for example.)

Numerous code violations on my street are not addressed and if they are addressed, there is no follow up to ensure compliance.

Pay more attention to single family homes being rented out as multi-family homes. I don't buy the "It's a cultural difference" argument.

Peruse the rental properties on 34th Ave. AFTER a party--need to pick up all those RED SOLO CUPS party goers toss in our yards.

Rental properties filled with students and using up all the par

king

Require landlords to use a lawn service to maintain their property so that other properties in the neighborhood are not devalued

Stop selectively enforcing certain regulations. For example, some home owners are threatened with large fines if they do not maintain their yards properly while others do nothing to maintain their yards that are covered with weeds, vines, and overgrowth that blocks sidewalks. Also, little is done by way of noise control, mostly resulting from all-night partying and gatherings in streets and yards. Also, parking regulations are too strict, in that people visiting residents of College Park are limited to only two hours

of parking on the street. This is especially bad when one wishes to have guests over for dinner parties on weekday nights. Residents should be issued with special parking permits that can be given to visiting guests to place inside their windshield on the night they are visiting only. Finally, with regard to snow removal after storms, physically handicapped and/or senior citizens should NOT be required to remove snow within the period required or should be given help with the removal.

Stop the intrusive yearly rental property inspections! If something is broken or not safe, I will get my landlord to fix it. Having a yearly rental inspection when there has not been tenant turnover is unnecessary. Some of the criteria in the inspection are ridiculous, and there are some glaring omissions of things that should be inspected, but are not. I don't need the City of College Park to be my Big Brother.

The current regulations regarding commercial trash containers are not enforced. The result is rats in our neighborhood. The regulations require that containers must be closed and even surrounded by a fence. The trash container behind the Sports Grill at the corner of Hartwick and Route 1 is neither covered nor fenced in. Several days of the week it is overfilled and trash is heaped up outside around it. We need more effective monitoring of student parties. Just terrible that they are permitted to use all sorts of bad language and behavior with no consequences. Need a better approach.

- Please pick up the leaves when you say you are going to pick them up! If they will not be picked up, don't leave the sign. I would rather bag the leaves than to have a pile in front of my house for 2 weeks.
- please stop leaving trash in the streets after trash pickup.
- the landscaping in cpw is not attractive. Improve the community entrance.
- nobody trims trees hanging over phone wires. I've been trying to get this done for 10 years. (not kidding) no one will do it.
- our tax rate is high; we expect services that reflect that.

extend leaf p/u to include January; more code enforcement in CP estates

Have the trash/recyclable pickup guys be more careful and not throw the bins over on there sides. I am mad a hell and so are my neighbors--we want fair and reasonable things so let us begin the list--we want to fire or threaten to fire all cp garbagemen*supervisors and replace them w/ men who are not smoking or texting while doing their garb/recycle duty, because these men are too lazy to close the lids after they dump the trash, or who just reach in grab one or two bags and leave crap at the bottom week after week, we need employees who will treat the garb./recycle bins w/respect not throw them down on their side or damage the outside because they are lazy and careless, men who will fill a pothole correctly and not just throw gravel in a hole and run over it back and forth with the wheel his cp truck while talking on a cell phone and the hole continues to be a problem because it was not done correctly. We need people to stand up to landlords and those selling drugs out of rental homes, we need people who will do their job after hours regarding noise, nuisance, & animal control. We need schools and more schools to fulfill a huge gap in education for our kids grades 6-12. We need a permanent police presence in our city we need to have a tough stance on homeowners that have xmas lights, junked cars and living room furniture and tons of garbage surrounding the home fined to kingdom come until they comply. We need to have a closer look at those who say they are spending cp money giving/doing for kids/community when in reality what the residents are getting is something very poorly run or scant in measure, we need an updated website that is modern and fresh and user friendly. Did we need to mention again we need a police force. Crime is ugly. We need to have the entire city learn about what is going on such as a mailing twice a year or a supplement in the gazette. Not many know about citizens associations nor why skyscrapers are taking over our residential neighborhoods. Traffic is murder on Cherryhill @ rte.1. People still cross the street and have near misses on CH road and us going to the BP or IHOP something needs to be done with the way the road and the barriers are set up. More pedestrians will die if not careful. help we want fair and reasonable living in cp. We need a middle and hs. We need permanent police, we need employees who care about doing their jobs correctly, we need strict code enforcement, we need less crime, drugs, radiation, noise and pollution. Less building. Less encroachment of buildings and less accessibility by others into our area and streets from other neighborhoods. We demand fair and reasonable consideration of our demands of the aforementioned

right now!!!

I don't know anything about the composting program, but I would like to know more.

Include a drawing of curb vs. gutter with leaf collection info!

keep storm drains clear

Let residents put leaves in plastic bags. When the paper bags get wet, the bags fall to pieces and the contents fly all over the neighborhood.

More reliable info regarding leaf pick-up/ street cleaning. I know that it is weather dependent, but perhaps updated schedules could be posted in the Patch to ensure that cars are moved for better cleaning.

My only complaint is that sometimes my trash cans end up two houses down when the trash collectors come on Wednesday. I reside on Autoville Dr.

Pick up trash more than once a week. We have rats.

Properties with weekly pickups of anything beyond one trash receptacle and one recycling receptacle should be charged for the service. I have a neighbor that is abusing the trash and yard waste pickup service, with literally about 20 containers picked up every week. It is absurd for other taxpayers to subsidize these properties. Please, please design a more fair an equitable system of billing for these services. If the city is truly concerned about conservation of resources, it will bill each property individually to send a price signal that costs can be reduced by wasting less. The city should also levy a very high fine to any property owner with trees that fall and take out a neighborhood's power lines. Residents are negligent in caring for trees in College Park. Also, many property owners have shrubs and even poison ivy growing wild onto public sidewalks (e.g., on Calvert Road). These property owners should be required to remove all growth from public rights of way or incur fines. College Park should also ban the use of "emergency" generators. My neighbor installed an ~\$10,000 backup generator that literally operates at over 100 decibels. This generator is located a few feet from my property line. The generator was not permitted and no public notice was provided to neighbors before it was installed.

Public Works could institute a program to help senior citizens get their bulk trash items to the curb for pickup.

The men could close the lids of the trash containers when rain is likely or else supply containers with drainage holes in the bottom.

1. College Park police force or more PG Police Force presence, 2. more outreach to students about respecting the neighborhood, proper disposal of trash and recycling, locking doors and cars, legal backyard fires, and noise

Better police patrol of residential neighborhoods.

Get rid of the stupid speed cameras.

It is unsafe in this neighborhood. Police should focus more on the muggings and armed people than the college kids

More actual public safety, less fake public safety (speed cameras)

More police officers.

more police patrols during late night hours

More police presence.

more security cameras thru out Old town including Calvert /Guildford and Wake Forest

Neighborhood Watch Program

Police should patrol side streets more on weekends.

Remove the speed cameras. They are only a ploy to collect money. People drive well below the speed limit causing new problems. If you really a re concerned about speed, put an officer on patrol.

Serious discussion about starting and maintaining a police department within the city limits. Discussion should include input from University of Maryland - College Park Police Department who can provide input and assist with solutions. Visible crime is an in issue and still having to rely on County Police for security decreases the value of the city in eyes of investors and residents.

We need a police force. Crime is up and county police do not respond fast enough to calls. We had drunk students pounding on our door, trying to open windows to get in, screaming and yelling at 3am one night. We told them to leave. They did not. We called 911. Police arrived 2 hours later but the students were already gone. Police found the students passed out on the trail on Rhode Island Ave.

Very scary. The other night there was a party nearby. People were leaving, they were loud, passing out and throwing up on the curb, texting/calling friends to come out. It was 2am and they woke us up. Need some surveillance especially 2am-4am on Thurs, Fri and Sat nights in the neighborhoods. We live in Calvert Hills and many new, young families are moving in with young children, too. Not a good scene.

We need improved public safety patrols on party nights (thurs-sun). there is too much vandalism.

Change the noise enforcement time on weekends later than 8:00. Totally unrealistic.

Contradictory stories re noise enforcement makes it hard to trust what we're told. NAME REDACTED continues to be rude to many residents, even when approached cheerfully. It's quite astonishing actually. He has a very hard job, yes, and many are not grateful for what the City accomplishes -- much better snow removal and landscaping for example than the County in general, so kudos. But his resentment toward residents in general is noticeable in almost every encounter. It's very unprofessional and disturbing.

Crack down on the loud college parties so they are not as noisy.

Increase code enforcement - especially litter violations and noise violations. Enforce public intoxication/ public drinking / underage drinking laws.

More pro active code and noise enforcement

Noise enforcement in Calvert Hills could be better. On the other hand, property owners should be able to park and have guests without so much worry of permits. I wish CP had a high end grocery store and a community center at the old Friends Community School building.

Please focus more on code and noise enforcement in Calvert Hills. The noise is worst on Saturday nights.

We have had some issues with noise (chronic barking dog). We have gotten positively no response on this issue even though we have complained multiple times.

Adjust the parking meters downtown. It's such a hassle, I now go to Rite Aid in Riverdale or other stores in Montgomery County.

Be more informed regarding city services. College Park can use money [by] installing parking meters at College Park Campus Village. MDTRS of Forestville, MD (towing) has got to be making plenty of money (3-4 cars/hr) especially on game days. They must have spoken and use at times two tow trucks. Daily sweep of our residential streets to address and better understand parking issues and neighbor

Daily sweep of our residential streets to address and better understand parking issues and neighbor litter issues. We seem to have a few hoarding houses in this neighborhood that no one is addressing with any seriousness.

Figure out more ways to encourage full-time residents to patronize and support College Park business, including relaxing parking restrictions.

Have free parking downtown

Haven't taken account in the last 3 months, but previously, there were many cars not tagged to park along the RR track near the Metro parking on the south side of Calvert. I hadn't seen parking tickets on these cars. This is a small but important matter.

I don't like the new parking meters. I like being able to put money in a meter that is next to the parking place. For example in CP Shopping Center on Rt. 1.

I would reduce the parking enforcement cars who drive around the same roads looking for cars to ticket, wasting gas in this economy.

Parking enforcement in my neighborhood should improve

Remove all parking meters.

Restore parking meters to college park shopping center, and don't replace any more parking meters with kiosk machines. Sell daily passes for guest parking with no expiration date. Have noise officers that are available during the times when noise is likely. Make littering and breaking glass on the street a crime punishable by 15 hours of community service, which would consist of cleaning the streets of College Park.

We live in Hollywood, one block from the Greenbelt Metro. We definitely need the parking enforcement during the week, but do not need it on Saturday's because Metro does not charge for parking on weekends. This becomes a hassle on Saturday when friends and relatives visit and we run out of parking passes. I know that we can make special arrangements with the city for parties and get to gathers but sometimes they crop up unexpectedly. We really do not need the parking enforcement on Saturday's. Many of my neighbors feel the same way.

Considering budget restraints - I think the City Employees are doing a good job.

Continue their present attention to the details of services.

Find another man like Mr. Sampson.

Give all a pay raise

I would rank City services as very good. What appears to be lacking is sufficient police coverage, although that may be due to the alert system which makes us more aware of any problems and not really due to a real increase in crime.

Keep it up

Keep up the good work!

Keep up the good work! City presence is certainly known in a good way, with everybody very responsive to calls and concerns and getting it done right away.

Thank you for having the traffic light installed at Edgewood & Rhode Island - It took 15 year, but it made a huge difference

This city services do a great job. I can not think of anything to improve them.

To me there is nothing to improve.

When I think of something I will share it with you. Joe Nagro and staff have this City running wonderfully. Thank you.

Build more sidewalks.

City program to replace lost trees in neighborhood, so we don't lose canopies.

Households should sort the recycle into cans, plastic, paper.

I would upgrade the plantings in public spaces and keep them watered, weeded and pruned. It would be a good idea to incorporate native species into the design so there would be less watering.

Improve the cleanliness of business district. More attractive plantings and signs for the City of College Park would also help.

Keep streets and storm drains cleaner.(debris, leaves, twigs, snow...)

Encourage "good news" stories!

More trimming of trees around residential power lines; cut down dead trees *leaning toward roads*. The roads in College Park are TERRIBLE. It's not okay to mill pavement on Rt. 1 and leave it a mess for weeks on end. It destroys people's cars and creates so much unnecessary traffic. Whatever traffic

lights have been added recently have only made traffic worse. Driving around here has truly turned into a nightmare. Why does it take 25 minutes to go 2 miles down the road? It did not used to be this bad.

Would like to see more street cleaning and trash pickup (loose trash) in the neighborhoods. Would like parking around metro to be better enforced (Hollywood neighborhood) - people park at the bottom of 51st Ave (51st/Narraganset) where there is no permit required and walk to the metro.

A better, more navigable and more user-friendly website.

Be able to communicate better to the public.

I'm new to the neighborhood, so don't have too much experience, but it would be nice to know if there was an email update on incidents and activities, or if there is an annual report released to the public.

It would be nice if the city had a facebook page that put out announcements and updates, such as when street cleaning will happen (so I know when to move my car).

If there is a facebook page, I don't know what it is and would like to see a link to it on the city website. Keep us informed in a timely way about changes planned for our neighborhood. I was surprised about how far along this charter school is without our input.

Live streaming of Council meetings, with real time question and answer sessions

Make the city website easier to use (to find holidays, info about special pickups, etc.). Grass/brush collection is not consistent. Last fall, curbside leaf pickup was poor (one pickup in 3-4 weeks).

More online or specifically android, blackberry or iphone apps for accessibility

The City website is not user friendly, unattractive, and confusing. I know an update is in the works, but it can't come soon enough. Also - please stop allowing massive buildings to be constructed along rt 1. At this rate, pretty soon you won't be able to see daylight.

Work for better communication and coordination between the areas.

If you can tell which district I am from, Good. If not, then provide for respondents to include that information and require that it be indicated.

You could use a public relations/problem solver who has the time and ability to research unique challenges. As a college town, there are transients who could become residents if they felt good about their experiences.

- (1) For safety purposes add more street lighting in Old Town and Calvert Hills (specifically on routes commonly traveled between downtown and the metro)
- (2) Keep downtown sidewalks cleaner
- (3) Increase noise ordinance staff during weekend party hours so they can respond more quickly and handle more complaints
- (1) Increase street lighting in North College Park, which can reduce crime.
- (2) Insert bag dispensers for dog feces in the neighborhoods to cut down on the amount of feces on or by the sidewalk.
- 1. More lights on our street (Gettysburg Lane)
- 2. Replace trees taken down by city in the city easement
- 3. Do more to protect us from the noise coming from non-residential buildings behind the houses on the odd numbered side of Gettysburg Lane

Other than this, services have been excellent in College Park!

- 1. there is not enough light in the streets
- 2. all the cross-walks in US 1 should have overhead lights because the students, particularly those dressed in dark clothing are hard to see and consistently run across the road

improve the street lights

More lighting in some areas; better noise codes near UMUC more police presence

Work to improve Rt. 1 traffic problems

Work to reduce noise from loud vehicles and helicopters

Enforce the five people max rule for housing

Improve Rt. 1 street lighting and general housekeeping. Some street lights appear to need servicing.

Install better speed bumps or eliminate altogether

Demand that SHA time traffic lights on Rt 1 and Cherryhill, Edgewood and IKEA to work together.

Get SHA to fix IKEA ramp light. It is almostly always functioning incorrectly and backing up northbound Rt. 1 traffic to the point of impeding access to beltway ramps.

Improve bike/ped access, esp. on Rt. 1

Reduce number of helicopter over flights

Address light pollution, esp. from UM athletic lights and businesses.

No lights should shine in drivers eyes (like liquor store lights on Rt 430)

Consider making heating pellets from leaves instead of mulch

Ban the use of Jake brakes in the city. Some drivers create immense noise pollution.

Print city literature only in English.

better availability of taxi

Better economic development, particularly along Route 1 in North College Park.

By opening a Walmart in College Park

Community is important and I feel there is not enough community in College Park. I think the city should host block parties on weekends throughout the year so that neighbors can come out and get a chance to know each other. These should be in central areas and provide entertainment and involve closing off sections of the road. I imagine food and refreshments and other fun things. I just wish we all knew each other better. It's hard living in a community split so solidly around students and permanent residents. I wish we could all get along more readily. I think that there should be public green space where concerts and events might be held in the Old Town College Park area. Maybe the grassy space near Knox and Rhode Island Ave? If we had events here, maybe students wouldn't resort to loud neighbor awaking house parties. Live music outside can be loud though, so permission from adjacent residents should be provided and probably won't happen because of the apartment block next to the grassy space. I think that College Park's slogan "A Livable Community" is laughable and sad. I think College Park exists predominantly because of the presence of the University and unfortunately this town does not feel like a University town. In the formation of the city, not enough thought was given to public space and we have ended up with a residential bloc adjacent to commercial. Route 1 going through College Park is putrid and I think it should be rerouted or put underground a la Boston's Big Dig (I realize this is unreasonable). Both it and University Blvd. separate the university from the surrounding area and mean that you can't just enter College Park and have it be synonymous with the University. It is like a separate entity.

The amount of abandoned buildings along Route One and within the neighborhoods need to be addressed. Tall grass, litter and graffiti are not making our city a welcoming sight for the University students and visitors.

There should be more trips sponsored by the city and (Funded).

Would like to see playgrounds and parks updated or at least equivalent to county. Also, start offering more kid friendly community activities.

College Park is turning into D.C. only interested in creating revenue. Tax paying homeowners should not have to pay to shop in College Park. Can shop elsewhere. College Park is growing more and more dangerous every day.

Lower my property taxes. They seem high compared to other localities.

Not Sure, Maybe Cut Waste, Lower Taxes

reduce the taxes!!! by reducing a lot of the fluff - why we are paying for a person(s) to drive around quiet neighborhoods and give our own-selves parking tickets, ridiculous. Why would a city government ok the planting of annuals(flowers that need to be continually maintained) verses landscaping for efficiency? How many city events and park parties do we need to sponsor as tax payers, reduce our taxes. Most 90% of the community services are such a waste of resources or just not applicable that I would rather seem them eliminated to reduce the taxes - take a pay cut

reduce the wasteful, misleading spending -- not getting value for huge sums of money paid. The speed camera program is an obvious scam to gain more revenue for wasteful government spending. I reckon we would be just as well served if the budget were reduced about 30-40% Most people wouldn't notice any difference at all -- except of course, home owners would have more money to spend on their own desires, rather than the central CP government ideas of what people "want" or "need"

Taxes here are very high.

Get rid of sell out mayor and ineffective municipality managers. Link their paycheck to resident satisfaction with city services.

have people do their jobs

Hire people who really care about the city, and do their jobs conscientiously.

Garbage and recycle p/ups are abuse the containers, do not pick up what they spill and just

leave broken glass or whatever on the street. I do not think these workers care about

what they are doing. They obviously think NO ONE is watching, but we are. And we

are fed up with abuse to the containers, attention to messes THEY MAKE while doing

their jobs.

We want a reasonable time table to take care of the problem, CP residents do not want someone to tell them "we have the complaint in

and someone will get to it." DUH. There needs to be responsibility and reasonable timeline

to get things done in terms of noise, parking, trash p/u, etc. Someone needs to be

responsible and accountable for those whom do not do it correctly.

Not spend as much on legal dues (smarter legislation); use in-house talent instead of costly *consultants.*

Timeliness and integrity of city services.

During snow removal I would like to see more consideration of those with driveways. It doesn't happen all of the time but sometimes the snow from our street covers our driveway after the plows go by. This makes it ten times harder to get out of the driveway as further hand snow removal with shovels is needed

Snow removal is inconsistent in neighborhoods and although cars are parked on the correct side, the opposite side is not well plowed, usually they only do the middle, causing major problems when there is a heavy snow for resident parking. Code enforcement of houses with trash and cars on land beyond driveway and construction of unpermitted additions and small structures needs improvement as well as what houses are actually being rented and not listed as rental property in the city. Feed back from complaints needs to be better. Often a complaint is made and no visible resolution is apparent and it appears as if the complaint was not acted upon by the City. Need to have a standard feedback mechanism for complaints.

Train your snow plow drivers how to plow.

A dead groundhog was on the road in front of my house when I returned Friday one evening. The animal control person was on leave. There seemed no coordination with PG county. No one collected it and it made a big mess.

I would like College Park/PG County to have a TNR program for feral cats.

Take better control of the MUC students. Where they park - not parking on senior park lots - late loud yelling from the MUC students up and down streets.

IF I KNEW I'D BE MAYOR

I would need take a critical look at other parts of College Park outside of where I currently reside.

Place a casino along 210 Fort Washington.

Unknown at this time.

Q11: Where do you look for City information? ("Other" responses that were more than just tallied items):

Often I'll just google it. Much easier than trying to navigate the city's web site.

Municiple Scene newsletter that you stopped mailing

Kabir Cares is a barely adequate source of information from the City, but the website desperately needs to be improved. This isn't 1996 anymore. The city needs a viable, user-friendly, attractive and interactive website.

Q11: Where do you look for City information? ("Other" responses that were more than just tallied items):

Stephanie Stullich sends out all info... she is great!

CP has little to offer NON-STUDENT residents. Businesses I've spoken to won't even deal with CP gov. They've told us CP gov is impossible to deal with. They absolutely won't even consider opening a business here! That's BAD!

Q12: What is your preferred method of receiving information?

Newspaper (4)
Phone (2)
TV (2)
Flyers to homes and outside Metro stations (2)
Upgrades to the website and cable channel (2)
I like the resident info guide
Responsive and responsible city hall employees
Let's go paperless!!!
Any kind of electronic media.
Other

Q16: Specific comments on Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services:

911 was used twice, once in 2010 and again in 2012 for medical assistance for my husband, the service was excellent. My only problem was where the local emergency Hospitals were located. Google was my only resource. I worry about out of towners in an emergency situation..

Again, the lack of a central online hub for information regarding public safety issues is a huge problem in College Park. The lack of a city police department is extremely frustrating, as is the total lack of any centralized effort to communicate with neighborhoods and citizens in the absence of a singular police force tasked with patrolling, protecting and communicating with our city.

All services have performed very well when needed. I am glad to see the inclusion of police officers to assist at the cross walk at the intersection of Edgewood and Rhode Island, their presence is very helpful and appreciated and I believe it continues the development with kids in a positive way.

Branchville EMS is excellent; have only had to call them twice, but in both cases they were at my door almost immediately.

Branchville Vol. Fire Dept. is excellent!! Always very responsive!! Give them *your* financial support; I do!

Calling the police non-emergency number is completely useless. I now either call 911 or don't call at all. can always count on Branchville Vol. Fire Co.

Cannot get enforcement on loud vehicles on Rt. 1 and 193

Siren noise is excessive from emergency vehicles.

College Park is NOT a safe place to live if you are someone who likes to walk in the neighborhood in the evening, take the Metro after dark, etc. Get real. I feel as though I'm living in the worst section of New York the way I have to drive people to the Metro rather than risk having them get held up at gunpoint. Where are the town cameras on Calvert, Knox, etc.? Why not use some of the thousands the town takes in from parking violations to fund our safety?

CP needs its own police force

Doing an excellent job.

Don't see neighborhood watcher

Drugs, guns, gambling is an issue in college park. I think the police are involved in some of it and, thus, it is never dealt with. Home owners are scared and do not want to report.

EMS - great. Fire is good but need communication / information re: dwelling also resident's help in

cooperation, communication and coordination.

Find ways to expand the UMPD Jurisdiction. Provide more funding to the fire/ems departments to match the other Prince George's municipalities.

Fire and emergency is good, Police is not so good, Need surveillance. See last comment box.

Fire department employees should be paid not volunteer

Fire dept and emts are very good in responding to emergencies.

Fortunate to have them and not need to call on them.

From my understanding of the City's Contract Police they are supposed to patrol but are not required to respond to non-emergency calls or emergency calls. Sometimes contract officers choose to respond late into a call as they are paid more to be a visible deterant. The contract while nessecary as a temp. solution should not styme the debate about safety in College Park.

Get Police out of cars and get their butts onto the streets and walking the neighborhoods.

Have called police about a fight in the streets and they never came over.

Have never used these services therefore I have no opinion of their quality.

I appreciate the emails that our Council-folk send through the community list-serv to let us know what has happened, but i think that it would be very useful if there was a campaign to encourage folks to call the police when things happen. For example, one of my neighbors had his truck broken into. When he was telling me about it, I asked if he called the police and he said "why bother, he didn't actually take anything."

I called the non emergency # but needed a police officer when very suspicious people were roaming the streets etc. The officer at that number told me to call a supervisor. What a joke. It was awhile ago but unnerving. We need specific mailers or refrigerator magnets sent to each resident with the numbers to call police, and other important #s in CP. Also I asked 3 neighbors who our crime watch contact was for the neighborhood. No one knew anything and the person who tried to research it could not find out any info. Also many walk their dogs with no leash and many dogs run loose. Saw two pit bulls in the a.m. twice last year running down the street that were different dogs from those being walked by their owners in the hood. This year have seen German Sheppard's running loose on the street too there are alot of cat owners who do not take care of their cats the volunteer FD is awesome and very professional. The EMS also. We need a permanent police solution right now. Animal control is very lax because they only have one person. and those cats end up constantly pooping on others properties in addition to killing birds and damaging gardens—the owners probably to not have them registered and could care less about these poor critters that can be killed by raccoons or opossum.

I don't feel protected by the contracted police! Cars are still stolen from the front yard and the houses are still burglarized.

I feel guite unsafe walking from the Metro after dark.

I feel that police, fire, and emergency personnel genuinely care about the residents of the community and also very courteous and responsive.

I gave high ratings for safety in section 2 above, but that's because it didn't specify time-of-day, so I answered for daytime. I do not feel so safe at after dark, so I rarely go out during those hours.

I have called 911 on a few occasions and have gotten a recording.

I know there has been talk about the city starting its own police department but I think county police services are adequate. Besides that I have seen where other cities have started a police department and very little is done to hire enough officers or have the same level of service.

I love that Branchville turns their sirens off while driving past our neighborhood in the late hours. I wish Berwyn Heights would do the same.

I receive information about crime through individuals who post on the Calvert Hills/Old Town listserve. I am not sure if those individuals are affiliated with the police, fire and EMS services - but if those individuals are not affiliated - efforts to communicate from "the horse's mouth" (i.e. those municipal services) is seriously lacking.

I think that neighborhood watch is to "watch out" for each other and assist the police. I do not feel it needs to run social events.

I think they do what they can.

I wasn't aware that there were city police, and haven't had to use emergency services.

I'd like to see more police patrols in neighborhood areas where there is a student presence. Even the sight of a car driving by with the lights on does wonders to keep things quiet.

Is there a crime report that's posted somewhere (website? or newsletter?). If not, that would be useful.

It is ridiculous that we need to pay extra protection money to get the County police force we already pay county taxes for.

It should be SOP for ambulance crews to find out if there are untended children, aged or sick persons or animals in the property when answering emergency calls.

It would be helpful if police could do more to curb loud parties and street mobs.

I've never had to use them myself but I've seen how responsive they are, so I feel confident in them

I've noticed more frequent police car patrols in my neighborhood - It makes me fell safer, but concerned that the patrols are in response to more crime.

I've only needed emergency police response once - it was before the City contract and there was 6 inches on snow on the ground - an hour went by when the police dispatcher called back to see if I still needed help.

We've needed emergency medical services numerous times in this neighborhood and Branchville VFD has always responded quickly and efficiently! I personally feel they are one of the best in the country!!!!!!

Keeping everybody in the community safe, fair minded, lawful, kind, honest.

Living within 10 feet of the fire house. They are very proactive in their jobs from the amount of fire trucks on call that I hear and or see in my neighborhood.

More patrolling or drive bys in my neighborhood on Mineola Road....

My comments are not completely well informed and might be unfair. They are based on reports from those contributing to ch-ot-watch emails and occasional gazette reports. I believe special effort is being made to solve problems. There seem to nevertheless be problems. So I have been uncertain about walking home from the metro in the evening. Greenbelt I don't think of as a problem in the parking lot, but outside, it might be.

N/A

Need more neighborhood watch outreach/awareness on east side of Rhode Island Ave. in Hollywood. Need more police officers being seen around. A little more caring for seniors. You have a lot of officers who really care about seniors, then you have some who don't. Seniors are people too and you need to know that.

Need more police presence in neighborhoods and controlling traffic on Rt. 1 and Rhode Island Avenue Need more. Contract police are not patrolling when students are roaming in packs down the trolley trail. So much damage being done and little being done to stop bad behavior.

No much information of these programs

No room for comment on #2. I feel perfectly safe during the day. I feel quite unsafe at night.

Part-time Police have added significant police visibility in my neighborhood

People speed in the neighborhoods making it unsafe to back out of driveway.

Police are slower to respond than fire and emergency calls probably due to their case load.

Police can be very gruff and unhelpful; once a girl admitted to assaulting me and they did not charge her right then and there!

Police could make their presence known more by regular patrolling - we never see police on street unless major problem and we've called.

Police officers working for the City are great, the program was a good idea

Police response is lacking; emergency medical services response is excellent.

Police response time had been AWFUL, but appears to have gotten better lately!!!

Although the officers do seem to spend a good deal of time just hanging out at 7/11

Police should enforce underage drinking, city, county and state laws regarding disturbing the peace and noise violations. They currently do not. There are numerous armed robberies at night in my neighborhood - greater police presence is required. University police should be more active in

neighborhoods near campus.

Police spend too much time on small things like parties and not enough preventing actual crime

Police: more, more, more!

Pretty good

Regarding safety in my neighborhood and college park metro: it depends on the time of day. I do not feel safe after dark.

Relationship of who will show up for a given non emergency call is confusing - one never know who will respond - contract or PG. The responders are great but the jurisdictional difference as to the action, ex.noise issues are handled different by the city than the county for example are frustrating. it would be better to have a CP Police Force.

Response time to a call is excellent.

Response time very good.

Response to noise complaints is so poor I often don't bother.

Riverdale Heights VFD is the closest station to my house. Please support them!

Since noise enforcement is often busy or unavailable, police seem to treat this as not very important. UMD police are great if they show up, but there's little consistency, and no consequences for partying students if police come, despite County (not just City) noise, open container, disorderly conduct, and underage drinking laws.

Stephanie Stullich's emails are the best for getting information.

Students drive like maniacs in the little neighborhood streets, they double-park in my cul-de-sac, and police is never there to put any order to the mayhem. We pay taxes for absentee-police. There's no visibility when driving out of the cul-de-sac, and no enforcement to ensure visibility.

Thank God for all. They all are doing God will. A wonderful job. Thank you for caring. God bless. Thankfully haven't needed them, but know of others who have and they seem to be accessible and adequate

The one time I called the police when I caught two men stealing tools from my car port (in the middle of the day) the officer was unbelievably rude disrespectful, and questioned me as if I was the criminal. When I made a complaint about my treatment I was told he has been in trouble for this many times. The time my husband called non-emergency about suspicious activity possible drug dealing in front of our house no one ever came.

The only way I stay informed on public safety matters in College Park is from text alerts from the University of Maryland.

The ppor remark refers to a bad experience when our car was stolen several years ago. Police were not interested until we call the politicians.

The recent police meeting with the city council to discuss crime and police activity in the city was not very useful. Some of the agencies did not seem to understand why they were there. The Metro police did not seem to understand that half of the Greenbelt Metro is in College Park. There were statistics from 2010 presented that have no relevance. Please provide more info and guidance to the police agencies so they can properly prepare their reports next year!

The traffic stops and tickets for people who don't come to a complete "driver's-ed" stop where the back of the car settles for a second seem intended to be a punitive money-maker. As someone who walks and bikes for exercise, I appreciate the efforts to keep people from completely ignoring stop signs, but the strictness of enforcement seems like overkill. Also, the traffic camera on Metzerott also seems like a money-maker. To my understanding, it is placed there because the area qualifies as a "school zone," which is ludicrous.

There is still too much property crime in my neighborhood.

It shouldn't cost \$700 for an ambulance when we pay taxes every year!!!

There seems to be a lot of reported crime in the area, especially around the university. Which makes me wonder about response or amount of patrolling of the area neighborhoods by campus and PG County police. I would think crime would be lower, alot of break-ins and assaults.

There should be mailings from the City to ALL residents about how the contract police work in the neighborhood.

No one knows WHO WHAT WHERE WHEN HOW in our neighborhood. We have a NWatchPgm. posted yet after asking the neighbors NOBODY knows who is in charge or what number to call for help. I HAVE CALLED 911 and the response time is TOO SLOW. Someone needs to pay attentiona nd get the word out to all residents about tel#s.

They are all doing a good job, but I wish it were possible for them to do a great job.

They do a wonderful job and should be commended.

They do excellent job. On time every call they have.

Think we should have our own police dept!

Too much crime in the area.

Very impressed with how accessible we are to our local fire, safety, and rescue team. I love the events like the Take back The Night this year at the college Park Airport. It would be nice if the neighborhood coffee group in NCP met at an alternative time, or if there was some other way for folks working 9 - 5 to routinely engage with area community representatives like this group.

we recommend that the city be more supportive of the fire departments that serve it

We need our own police department!!!

what few times used has been good

when a parking ticket is issued to residents, and the residents have registered their vehicle at the city hall with their e-mail address, a notification should be sent indicating the fine and the due date rather than waiting until the fine has reached a maximum penalty at which time the city mails the residents a letter.

When called they are there for you.

why if I'm paying such high taxes do I have firemen coming to my door asking for money?!

wonderful people doing a wonderful job..thanks to all

Would like to know how the Contract Police program works -- Are contract officers supposed to patrol residential neighborhoods on a regular basis? If so, i'd expect to see police cruisers more frequently on my street, and i seldom see them, even though we have had car break-ins and auto thefts on our block. would like to see more late nice police patrolling the Berwyn neighborhood, particularly near the parks and on the bike paths.

Would like to see police report incidents at actual address where incident occurred rather than where report is taken, i.e. assault on campus should be reported as assault on campus not in rental home in crystal springs. crimereports.com should not list sex offending absconders as being residents in a neighborhood when they don't live there.

you get a run around when calling the County police non-emergency response number.

Q18: What do you like BEST about your neighborhood?

- 1. The community feeling
- 2. Proximity to metro
- 3. Rhode Island Shopping Center
- 4. Parks, greenery, and trails (could be more)
- 1. Neighbors are friendly
- 2.Trees
- 3. Access to UMD

A few businesses that are walking distance.

EZ access to public transportation.

A great place to live

A peaceful environment with neighbors appreciative of it too.

Access - major highways and Metro.

Access to Metro

Access to metro and bike paths

Access to Metro and some services.

Access to Metro and University

Access to the metro; quality of housing

Access to the University of Maryland, access to mass transportation (rail, bus, etc), good bike trail networks.

Accessibility to retail businesses and medical facilities; overall cleanliness; good transportation

beautiful and energetic

Beautiful trees, proximity to metro, proximity to retail

Being able to walk to parks and shops and metro.

Calvert Hills is a great mix of suburb and city. The great public transit access makes it easy to get into DC and the college keeps the city feeling young. The parks and families and old houses gives us a comfortable and safe surrounding with a little extra quiet.

Central location

Central location

Clean and most properties are upkept

Clean and quaint

Cleanliness

close neighbors look out for each other

close to metro

Close to my employment.

Close to public transit; work; UMD. Beautiful.

Close to stores, restaurants and transportation. Always clean.

Close to the Beltway.

Close to work for my wife and i.

Closeby park, quiet neighborhood

closeness to biking and walking paths, proximity to Metro, able to walk or bike to many stores, interesting neighbors

Closeness to campus and the park.

Closeness to medical facilities. Nice area to walk dogs. Normally quiet and very family oriented.

Community feel and the Trolley Trail.

Community serenity.

community value

community, proximity to shopping, attractive, affordable

Convenience to work.

Convenient location to every hwy and retail close by

Convenient, well built houses

Conveniently close to everything

Convenient.

Dead end street

Distance from UMCP campus, everything is walkable, lots of running/biking trails.

Diversity

diversity

Easy access to transportation and highways. Feel quite safe in my neighborhood.

Everything

Fairly isolated

family residential

feel safe

Friendliness

friendliness/community feel

Friendly neighborhood.

Friendly neighbors that have lived here for a long time.

Friendly neighbors

Wooded areas

Friendly people. Convenient locale (access to 495-95)

Good housing; police protection; access to mall and other stores

Good location, walkable to some shopping and public transportation.

good neighbors in our block who look out for each other.

Good neighbors, close to Metro and shopping

Good neighbors.

Great long-term neighbors and the proximity to parks, Metro, and downtown businesses.

Greenery as well as peace

Having many stores that I can walk to. I like that I know most of the neighbors nearby that own their homes too and we all have a strong bond.

Hollywood Elementary School, parks in North College Park, public transportation access

I have been in my house since 1973 and most of my neighbors are the same.

I like my house and the area. I like being close to shopping, metro etc.

I like the location - close to beltway, close to DC, close to metro.

I like the location. I like that most of my neighbors take pride in there homes and areas. I like that I feel safe in the area.

I like the newborn old because it is clean and accessible to most things.

I like the variety of people who live together in my neighborhood, ethnically, socio-economically, etc.

I like where I live - been at Spellman House 7 years - low income. But don't feel safe. Close to store and places to eat fire dept close- wonderful response from the Fire Dept. 99.5% of them care for our safety.

I love the neighborhood feeling and always feel safe. I really like the placement of lights at the Rhode Island and Edgewood intersection as well as the lane improvement in front of REI, much needed.

I'm at the end of a dead end street, so it's relatively quiet.

it dead ends

It has locked front and back doors.

It is a safe place with neighbors who are generally friendly and look out for each other.

It is close to Metro, Beltway, and Shopping, and the houses are not too big and made of cheap material like modern developments.

It is convenient to everything I need.

It is near a safe metro station and also has access to numerous bus services. It also offers various cultural activities, has two farmers markets, is within walking distance of the university and has a small shopping center and several ethnic eateries in the area.

It is peaceful and I mostly have nice neighbors.

It is safe and clean and quiet for the most part except when some neighbors have noisy parties which isn't often.. Trash pick up and recycling seems to be very good and police services as needed is very good.

It is well lit and fairly safe.

It use to be a professional and classy neighborhood.

It's a small neighborhood

Its a somewhat quiet neighborhood and very nicely landscaped.

it's comfortable, and the immediate area seems pretty safe

Its' diversity and tolerance.

It's family friendly, where we can walk to school, stores, and mass transit, while maintaining single family homes that are realistically price in a town that is very expensive for housing. Our neighbors are mostly friendly and outgoing, and I like how the University brings a sense of diversity in both age and

backgrounds. The college students I've met are very nice and outgoing, not what I've seen in other college towns. PG county always has negative stereotypes about it, and I think North College Park is a wonderful hidden jem that I'm glad I and my family found this past year. We look forward to raising our children in such a rich and diverse community that has some of the brightest minds in the country working and living throughout it.

It's generally clean and quiet.

It's home.

It's ok but weekends is crazy with college kids with the noise.

It's quiet and somewhat private - the neighbors are nice and look out for each other.

It's quiet.

It's quiet.

It's tucked away and most people don't know it's here unless they belong here.

It's very quiet.

Large trees, wide streets, friendly folks

Location

location

Location - close to highways, DC, Baltimore and public transportation. It is quiet and tree lined.

location to majot arteries

Location within DC metro area & major roads

Location, quiet

Location.

Long time Neighbors

Long time neighbors are all good and respectful people and care about each other.

Lot of tree canopy and trails within walking distabnce

Lots of parks nearby.

mature trees, well-mainitained homes, friendly people

Mix of people from all over the world, sense of community, diversity, availability of activities for kids, proximity to metro, proximity to CGS airport, proximity to my work,

More communication and educational program for kids in neighbor

Most of my neighbors.

Mostly homeowners, very little rental property.

My home and the friends who have not left the area.

my house and my neighbors

My neighborhood is monitored ruffly 24 hrs a day by the county, if individuals are just loafing and hanging in my development they are asked to leave, and the parking enforcement is awesome, even the towing company.

My neighbors

My neighbors, access to metro, parks, access to lake artemesia, and it's bike trials.

my neighbors, and a good value for our houses.

my neighbors, the park, and the bike path.

My wife and have lived in our home for nearly 40 years. We raised to boys here and are Generally Satisfied with City Services and our Neighborhood. Over the years, we've seen many changes in the Demographics of this area and the Increasingly High Volume of Traffic. We find C.P. a Very Convenient Location to Live. At this time, we have no plans to relocate.

My wife likes the walking path and I like the neighborhood as a whole. It is an ideal urban neighborhood.

Neighborhood Watch is rxcellent. Have been resident for 51 years.

Neighbors

Neighbors

neighbors are all very friendly

neighbors, park-like feel to the neighborhood, walking distance to UMD and downtown.

Neighbors.

nice neighbors

Nice people

Nice people, pretty street, great access to trails for recreation, close to metro

Nice to see people out walking with their families, there is a pool in CPW, there is lots of activities throughout the year at the pool and the park in the CPW neighborhood. It is fairly quiet except the occasional rowdy college parties and loud drunken kids in the street.

Nice trees and housing,

No thru street

nothing

Old-growth trees, walkable.

One of the ones with low crime, and nobody bothers me.

one way in and one way out

One way streets, little traffic, helpful neighbors, list serves, trees, acess to Metro

Only two blocks long so it is easy to spot strangers to the area. Accessible to RI Ave, Rt 1 and the highways and convenience shopping.

Our neighbors & access to wonderful paved running/ biking trails. You can run/ bike over 15 miles without going on a road!

Overall - small clean appearance, small town attitude in background

Overall security, one way in and one way out.

park. historic business area.

Parks and open spaces

parks and walk areas

parks, metro

Peace and quiet

People seem to be nice.

people walking around all the time

Proximity to Metro

proximity to metro

Proximity to Metro and D.C.; proximity & transportation to UofM (library & Clarice Smith Ctr.); nice place to walk around but not at night; neighborhood association

Proximity to my workplace

Proximity to the metro and downtown Washington, DC.

Proximity to transit and UMD campus, architecture, greenery

Proximity to transport, downtown, and UMD.

proximity to UMCP

proximity to UMD

Proximity to university, transit.

Qiet

Quiet

Quiet

Quiet

Quiet and safe.

Quiet and secluded.

Quiet street with access to Lake Artemesia and backs up to park land

Quiet, Berwyn area, limited crime and is shielded from most of the downtown and Hollywood issues.

Quiet, fairly safe.

quiet, like the leaf compost program

quiet, little traffic

Quiet, low vehicle traffic, green spaces.

Quiet, nice neighbors who have lived here a long time

Quiet, tree cover, many parks. I feel safe to be outside and talk with neighbors. Many buses I can take and the stops are close by, and the Greenbelt metro station is close too.

Quiet, usually peaceful.

Quiet.

Quietness

Relatively safe & quiet, clean & peaceful residential community of single-family homes.

sense of community and collaboration with neighbors--walking to commercial areas-and access to metro DC and interstates

Sense of community.

Sense of community. Neighbors who help each other. Proximity to the University of Maryland. Diversity of people.

Services

Shopping

Short commute to work and easy access to DC by Metro.

Single families living and taking care of property. Friendly neighbors and helpful neighbors working together and being responsible.

small neighborhood feel. tree cover.

Some of my neighbors.

Spellman House

Spirit of community and richness coupled with a a sense of small town living

Stability and non student population

Still older white families (established)

such a mix of people from so many countries

That the neighbors are nice

The community of people; the activities; the neighbors

The concern of the City.

The fact that we now have a community library where members of our community can borrow books and not have to take a bus or car to the library. It's within walking distance of hundreds of homes.

The forest behind our house.

The houses/architecture.

The large variety of restaurants. How beautiful the city is. The trees and brickwork. The farmers market on Sundays.

the neighbors

The neighbors, close proximety to beltway and DC. Sense of community. How quickly they clear the snow, (is a secret). Nature, Trees, overall a nice place to live.

The neighbors.

The new improvements, the stoplights, the sidewalks, etc.

The old neighbors -- continuity

the people

The people come together as a community and sponsor a series of events.

The people.

The people. Our neighbors and friends are great.

The people. The convenience to work, shopping, and play.

The people...always waved and have a smile!

The quiet and accessibility to various destinations.

The quietness

The residents are friendly, helpful, and actively support and participate in community activities and everyone's well-being.

The streets and loans around town are a mess, full of plastic glasss and beer bottles and pizza and burger bags and foam recipients. The gross in some student houses is rarely cut, making it a heaven for all the rats that fedon the trash. Our yards is full of rat holes, with the rats enjoying the trash from our students neighbors. Trafic on Rout 1 is crazy and only increasing evermore in craziness. Some days trafic is not moving in any direction and we get stuck in there, and all that our imbecilemayor does is give the green light for mofre development. Access to shopping is blocked by all this trafic, making it just too plain unpleasant to even try and get to the shopping areas. Definitely not, the neighborhood is becoming les and less a place for folks to live, except for the students and developers who seems to just obtain all they could hope for from the mayor.

The trolley trail and our many neighborhood parks.

The Varsity is just toooooo good. The view and also the clean Baltimore Ave

There are a lot of long term residents and we love the woods behind our home that lead to Paint Branch Creek. It's also a generally quiet neighborhood.

There are some nice people.

Tree canopy. Closeness to downtown College Park, Metro, and my office (UMD). The smaller 40's style houses.

Tree cover and location

Trees

Trees -- It's unfortunate that the contract tree trimmers butchered the trees that they worked on near the power lines; it will most likely shorten the life of those trees.

trees, neighbors

Trees, neighbors, access to everything

Trees, quaintness, friendliness of neighbors, maintenance of city green space and some neighbor's yards.

Trees, quiet, lots of birds, long term residents take care of their properties, rental property owners take responsibility for their property and rent to responsible students, within walking distance of health food store, metro, and bus stop.

trees.

Walkability of parks and commercial districts

Walkable on many streets

We are within walking distance of an organic market, a metro station and multiple bus stops and are close to the beltway. Our neighborhood is quiet; we don't hear a lot of noise which is odd considering our proximity to the beltway. I am glad sidewalks were installed in the neighborhood around the elementary school.

We know one another and look out for each other. We have wonderful representatives who work so very hard for our interests. And we have a really lovely appearing neighborhood.

We thank you all for the *residents* inside security guard.

Yard area

Q19: What do you like LEAST about your neighborhood?

- Crime
- Drag racing on 54th Avenue

"hotel" houses were there are mult tenants and load noise and multiple cars

- > Trash, On Streets and Sidewalks.
- > Dog walkers, Not Cleaning-up After.
- > Street Maintenance, Grass/Weeds Growing in Cracks and along Curbs.
- > Recycles/Trash Falling From P.U. Vehicles and Not Cleaned-up.

- > The Traffic on Edgewood Rd. to the mosque on "holy days" and Other Events
- > Fed. Section 8 housing, Should be Inspected Frequently for Up-Keep
- > The Businesses At Edgewood & R.I. Have Needed a Make-Over For Many Years! At Least Some Clean-Up.
- > Rt.1 Welcome Sign: "A Livable Community" Who, What, Why??
- 1. New stop light at Rhode Island Ave. & Edgewood Rd. motorists drive too fast, challenging and unsafe to cross street at crosswalk south of stoplight, challenging to make left turn from shopping center unto Rhode Island Ave.
- 2. Neighbor has racing car, very noisy when working on/testing engine. Also, sometimes unpleasant fumes. Disturbs the peace and quiet of the neighborhood.
- 1. Lack of sidewalks throughout the neighborhood
- 2. Lack of farmers market nearby
- 3. Lack of parking enforcement
- 4. Some houses that are in disrepair, plus the number of foreclosures
- 1. Local crime; 2. Drunk students (after 12am-4am on Fri and Sat); 3. Noise; 4. Traffic and street repairs causing more problems.

Absence of a high end grocery store in CP.

Alcohol consumption, loud music & debris in front yards adjacent to sidewalk

always can smell something rotting due to the trash the college kids leave everywhere

as I age, I no longer feel safe to walk

Attick Towers need more outside security for anybody's true safety, for the elders in the building, etc. other too. Thanks:)

badly maintained rental properties; city policy of allowing 5 parking permits per house which makes it hard to park

borders on Kenilworth and no sidewalks

Church traffic.

College Park is not pedestrian friendly. The development focused only around the miles long Rt. 1 corridor only works if you're driver. I recently bought a car, but before then I had trouble getting access to shopping, and particularly groceries. We could use dense development, in more a downtown core sort of way.

Commercial development not very walkable. Theft. I live near Greenbelt Metro in Hollywood Hills, and the constant foot traffic brings more opportunity for petty crime; my bike was stolen. Area should be patrolled more at night.

Commercial truck traffic despite no-thru truck signage, commercial lighting intrusion, noise/light from UM, poor access to Rt. 1, high rental turnover

Condition of homes that appear vacant/foreclosed. Power outages, trim more trees if needed.

Condition of rental properties. Upkeep of pool-nothing ever done. Local park-feels unsafe for lone walker.

conditions of neighbors landscapes

Constant noise from non-residential buildings adjacent to our street. It is extremely annoying and unhealthy. The city and the state have not done enough to mitigate the effects on us.

crime

Crime, so much glass on the roads and in the parking lots.

Crime in early a.m. hours--noisy students and property owners who don't maintain their homes

Crime time, frequent trains, students

Crime.

Crime. Houses are so small and old.

Crossing Greenbelt Rd on bike or walking at Rhode Island Ave. Terrible, unsafe intersection.

crowded parking conditions

Cut off from the rest of the city.

Difficult to say

Diminishing tree cover and building projects

Disrespect of students with noise and drunkenness and improper language.

diversity

Don't know.

Drugs being available (illegal)

excessive government involvement -- speed cameras, for example, under the guise of "reducing traffic accidents"

Council meddling in social issues, like endorsing homosexual "marriage" which is just divisive and distracting to a friendly neighborhood.

Excessive parties, noise, code violations, litter, vandalism, public urination.

Ex-cons, drug dealing

Fast driving through our residential streets, kids hanging out or the drug scene.

Feel vulnerable to student encroachment, tree situation is a mess, and disappointed about developers' projects

Folks walking on the street when sidewalks are available.

frat brats

Getting in and out onto Route 1 is an absolute nightmare - especially considering the non-driving people that frequent the China Buffet. During peak traffic I've had to wait up to 5 minutes before some kind person took pity and let me out. We keep hearing we are going to get a traffic light at Cherokee Street - when is going to happen?

grafitti, crime (my house has been robbed)

Hard to walk to a shopping center, or even bike, if we're talking about Route 1. If you're in a car then there is a lot of traffic

Hate the parking Nazi, and the speeding cars to drop off metro riders

Hear sirens from long distances.

Hmm, I think that the metrobus does not run on Metzerott Rd on weekends. Some home owners could do a better job of maintaining their homes.

Part of Rt 1 needs improvement

Glut of student apartment.

how unkept some yards are with too much junk

I dislike the trash that is found in the parks and playgrounds too often.

I don't feel safe walking or biking alone in the two parks near my neighborhood. Our neighborhood schools are unable to meet the needs of my child.

I don't like that we don't have a grocery store. I know that the Hyattsville and Greenbelt Giant stores are not far, and neither is Shoppers, but I would love to see one, even a small "Mom-n-Pop" grocery in downtown College Park.

I feel safe in the day, not as much after dark.

I hate that renters trash up the neighborhood. The houses look horrible. I also dislike how crowded the streets are with all the parked cars. I am concerned by overflowing trash containers and the drag racing on St. Andrews PI.

I have had a vehicle stolen three times in the past ten years

I least like that I cannot use the Metro when coming home after dark. It makes it difficult planning trips where the flight comes into our airports, then taking public transportation home during daylight. Other times when I have appointments downtown, I need to come home after dark.

I like least that so many people don't take better care of their properties.

The sidewalks along Rt 1 are in abysmal shape. It is also confusing why there are so many empty lots - Rt 1 is such a busy road and should be teeming with businesses.

In some cases loud noise after 12 a.m.

inadequate control of disorderly conduct and noise after midnight; growing sense of crime risk in this economy. Also, too few restaurants for adults, and retail rents too high to attract more diverse retail options.

Inconsiderate and noisy neighbors; inconsiderate and careless drivers who speed recklessly on our streets. The lack of a city police force and the lack of sidewalks.

increasing number of rentals, lack of maintenance of property, lack of code enforcement, no stores in walking distance

ingress/egress

irresponsible driving and walking, mostly by college students

It has NO GROCERY STORES in the area, something which nearly every single resident in the area complains about! For people without cars, this poses a serious hardship! The other thing I dislike about this neighborhood is the student population which seem to totally ignore any city regulations. And, last but not least, there is price-gouging regarding rental property in the area, which is overpriced in relation to the condition of the premises involved.

It is difficult to exit because there is no light at Erie or Cherokee. Also there are a lot of run down and abandoned commercial properties along Route One north of 193.

It is starting to get too many homes that have multiple families living in the same house, which then brings 8-10 cars on the street for one house.

It is too expensive to live here unless you bought your house more than 15 years ago. Property values will not increase here because the taxes for new home purchases are much, much, much higher than for those whose homes were purchased many years ago. In other words, new home buyers are subsidizing previous home buyers. So, there is no reason for anyone to ever purchase a property in this area. The taxes are so high, the quality of the schools is so poor, there is incompetent county government, fraud, waste and the criminal element that is very scary. I cannot imagine any demand for property in this town until property values continue to decline. FYI, residential property in CP has declined 15% in the past 10 years, while taxes have significantly increased. Simply unsustainable, and the City continues to grow its bureaucracy and spend more money on useless city staff, grants, and publications.

It would be nice if there was an incentive to move homes more toward front yards that don't use the chain linked fences. Open yards or white picket fences and/or other types of exterior fences for homes make streets seem much more quaint and friendly. I know there is the cost factor, but it would be nice to see resources for new home buyers or sellers on how it could help transform neighborhoods and give them more personality, similar to historic Hyattsville or Takoma Park. Also, the waste disposal for dogs at the College Park Hollywood Playground (48th & Hollywood) gets a bit too ripe in the summer time while playing with children down wind. Also, I like how sidewalks run north of Lackawanna on 48th Place. It would be nice if they ran south someday, which is where we live.

It's a small neighborhood with no sidewalks. The people who live in our neighborhood keep to themselves and do not have children who show manners.

Its vulnerability to intrusion from disruption from the constant flow of transients and others along the adjacent bike path.

Lack of "grown up" shopping, sidewalks, and bike lanes.

lack of code and parking enforcement

lack of good public transit

Lack of grocery store within walking distance, absence of bike lanes and proper pedestrian crossing, loudness of student who live nearby.

Lack of grocery store/fresh market in walking distance (the farmer's market has been an improvement).

Lack of neighborly feel.

Lack of parking

Lack of quality retail and restaurants in easy walking distance. We need the Cafritz Property development so we can have something like the Arts District in Hyattsville!

lack of restaurants and retail

Lack of sidewalks

Lack of sidewalks in southern portion of neighborhood and overhead power-lines.

Lack of walkable shopping (especially groceries).

landlords who rent to students and do not maintain their properties. This used to be a family neighborhood and it's now it's a mess. Families don't want to move in here because the public schools are so bad.

Limited choice of good restaurants to walk to; frequency of vandalism.

Loss of ability to see stars and meteor showers due to extra lights,

Loudness of CSX/MARC trains, poor quality of public schools (we opted for Catholic), lack of access to grocery store, our part of the nabe is flood prone.

Low police presence.

Messy Neighbors and Inconsiderate Students

money doesn't fall from the trees

Narrow streets with too many cars parked.

Need a small grocery in Downtown area. Need more restrictions on rental properties, and/or more leverage with landlords who are negligent.

needing to be quiet outside at 8:00 on weekends. I think 10:00 is more reasonable.

New residents who have too many people living in their homes (not college students) and too many cars

no bus on weekends, not very easy to walk to shopping/services/metro.

No Community Center in North College Park to have kids play, which can lead to crime and vandalism in the neighborhood.

No decent grocery, retail or restaurants..bring on Whole Foods and restaurants that will help to "build it "and they will come. Bus Boys and Poets is just then tipping point of where this area can go

No good option for public school after elementary. This will eventually very likely cause cause my family to leave college park for another location after our child finishes elementary school.

No grocery store in walking distance, lots of frat and sorority types, no quirky people/retail/etc.

No grocery store within walking distance. The Cafritz development will make traffic worse and not provide value where we need it. Also, there seems to be a lack of coordination and integration with the university.

No senior assistant programs or directories, for the relatively healthy or minimally iimmoble. I'm not getting any younger! What about the elderly who are liveing alone?

No sense of safety after dark.

No sidewalks

No sidewalks on most streets. With small children, this is scary.

No sidewalks! :-(

No sidewalks, and far from bus stop.

No sidewalks, hard to cross Rhode Island Avenue on foot

No sidewalks.

no sidewalks; no commercial/retail that you can walk to from neighborhood (CPW)

Noise

Noise

- -Noise from UM or/and other buildings along Greenmeade.
- -No controlled access to US 1
- -Occasional noise from student and resident parties
- -Continuing threats of intense developments on vacant properties

Noise from wondering/roaming gangs of students, which is hard to report and control.

Noise of routine state police helicopters and noise from Kenilworth Ave - we need a sound wall and the state police need to stop flying over our homes, particularly at night.

Noise on Rt. 1 at night

Occasional student house parties

Having to drive on Rt. 1 to get north.

Noise, rental houses with trash and cars parked all over the street.

noisy parties with binge drinkers, broken glass in the street, unnecessary littering, foul language (I have children), unresponsive city financial department, with regard to parking issues, unresponsive noice enforcement

Not a friendly place due to city's uneven code and animal control policies

Not enough light throughout the neighborhood

Not enough police presence.

Not enough sidewalks.

Not Safe

Nothing really

Nothing. I'm satisfied.

Now it is overrun with college kids, drugs, and landlords who do not maintain property. Looks like a college drinking town.

On street parking can be hard to find, houses that are not well kept up (both owner occupied and slumlord owned.) Not a lot of street lighting. Trees in city ROW are falling apart.

One of my neighbors

Outdated infrastructure, less pedistrain and cycling friendly

Overabundance of rental properties

Crime

No middle nor high school

Too much power for builders in student housing which is destroying our community and not enough pull for taxpaying homeowners keeping the neighborhood together.

Overhead utility lines.

People littering all over the place. Making noise in the street at night.

PG county reputation; feeling unsafe at night

Poor maintenance of some of the homes and yards. Some of the businesses on 1 also need improvement. Commercial properties on 1 that are no longer in use need to be taken down especially in North CP from Greenbelt Rd. to the Beltway. It seems like most of the money for improvements goes to the South of Greenbelt Rd. North College Park has always felt like the stepchild of the South.

Poor security for seniors in senior apt buildings.

poorly maintained houses, deteriorating chain link fences, uncut grass, bamboo, trash

power outages

Prejudices.

Profanity and speeding, generally by student rentals.

ratio of rentals to owner-occupied houses (too many rentals)

Rental homes and people that do not even read the City of College Park booklet that comes every year. They simply don't care. College Park was a great neighborhood when we moved here in 1998-but I can see the rapid decline. A clean grocery store(besides Mom's) would be great.

rental houses

Rental housing being made available still, now with three giant towers for students which are today not filled. Parking is an issue on our street as well from time to time. Too much loud music from parties.

Rental properties with occupants who are noisy **at all hours of the day.** Renters need to be given the City's guides, codes, laws, etc.

Rental properties, lawn maintenance, too many cars and vans and work trucks parked on street, too much noise from rentals, code not being checked and kept with rules of students. Motorcycles and trailers parked in driveway sometimes 3 motorcycles and cars in driveway. More than 5 people renting rooms in house.

Rental properties, unkept appearance of rental homes & lack of respect of the community lifestyle by renters

Rentals

Rentals

rentals. noisy students.

RENTERS/ NO CODE ENFORCEMENT

residential upkeep of yards and property. excessive traffic and speeding. not stopping at stop signs.

Route 1 is unattractive and hostile for pedestrians & bikers north of Greenbelt Rd. It's too bad, since there's some interesting businesses there around Hollywood neighborhood, but I rarely visit them, since I avoid Route 1 as much as possible.

Route 1 traffic. No way to escape gridlock to get out or in.

Rowdy loud parties/wandering gangs of drunken loud people/trash and debris left in yards and streets Rt 1 traffic, speed cameras

RUDE COLLEGE STUDENTS who park over your driveway, get out, look, and go on their merry way. Landlords should have to provide parking for all the vehicles they rent to or they should have to jockey for position. You leave and come back and the place in front of your house is taken by a car that stays for days and days. Also in snow you shovel out come back and the place is taken after you did all the work to shovel it out. Don't know how you teach politeness!!

Rude neighbors harassing college students. People don't seem to understand how to park on the street so that others can actually park near their houses. Informed neighborhood watch about burglary at my house and they did absolutely nothing whereas any other crime was released in a newsletter to the neighborhood. There is constantly a cop waiting at the stop sign who seems to want to harass people instead of actually helping the problem of people speeding down the hill. I see people pulled over for stopping for 2 seconds instead of 3 at the stop sign or for not stopping after pulling out of their parking spot that was literally 2 feet away. Ridiculous and uncalled for. Too bad when a stolen car flew down the hill, bottomed out and was abandoned in the street, it took 3 hours for a policeman to address it.

Safety issues and the problem of having too many rental properties leading to noise, heavy traffic, and too many transients.

Scary people walking around.

Several residences house upward of 8-9 people resulting in numerous cars for the household which they do not have the space to park resulting in restricting availability of parking in front of your own house.

Shabby houses, many of which are rental units. Our local schools should all be replaced; the buildings are old and failing and scream of neglect. Would love to see better horticulture in public spaces.

Should not have to pay to park in front of my own house. Streets should be given only the number of permits for residents only. Every residence should have two parking spaces boxed in with "resident only". We can't even invite guests because the parking Nazis are out there giving tickets before we have time to give them a visitor pass.

sidewalks have many narrow spots due to poles.

Some homes are in serious disrepair, poor communication and lack of community input on the proposed College Park Academy (which makes me angry and distrustful of our elected officials), the guys who pick up the yard-waste are nitpicky. If I invest serious time in bundling my sticks and making my yard look nice, their minor complaints get under my skin.

Some houses are not kept up as well as others. Trash in backyards, boats in yards that have been moved in years. Cars parked in driveways that have been moved in years (at least five). Makeshift roofing on addition to house, i.e., shingles held down by cinder blocks. Some of these items cannot be seen from the street or front of the house. Also, cars with out-of-state license plates parked as if the owner is a residence of the house. Do we still have a code enforcement person riding around to observe these things?

Some of the houses are starting to show their age. I would love to be able to walk ALL over College Park without having to worry about being run over - not pedestrian friendly. Would like to be able to walk to more stores in restaurants in North College Park.

Some residences seem over crowded

Sometimes some people are careless about throwing trash on the street and that is annoying but I do pick up what I see near my house and throw it away. So littering is a bit of a problem but not a huge one and is minor. Further down though I am concerned about empty buildings with no business.

Speed bumps

Speed bumps need to be marked.

Speed bumps on my street, student houses

Speeding cars on Greenbelt Rd. between Route 1 and Rhode Island Ave.

speeding motorcyclists occasionally

SQUATTER living next door!

Unmaintained yards, foreclosed homes, too many rentals, poor physical condition of too many homes.

street lights

street lights- it is too dark

street parking

Student noise, trash and vandalism.

Student noise.

Students in rental housing.

Students in single family housing with landlords who don't care for their property

The amount of empty houses and the lawns that do not get cut. My understanding is that the owners of these houses have been notified by the city, and if they do not respond, the city will have the lawn cut and bill the owner. However, the responses time can result in the lawns becoming an eyesore. I feel their response time should be shorter before the city steps in and cuts the lawn. My wife cuts a lot of the lawns in our neighborhood for free just to help beautify the neighborhood.

the barking dogs

The bus is too slow sometimes.

The condition of some rental properties in the neighborhood as well as the numerous cars associated with rental homes, it is very frustrating as a paying citizen to not be able to park in front of the home you are paying taxes for. In addition, most of the tree trimming on Rhode Island was done well however there are a few trees that are going to be a problem when we have heavy snow. They are cut in the center with leaning on the sides, there is a particular tree on Rhode Island closer to Duvall Field that is an eye sore, a safety issue and should just be removed.

The crappy building on the corner of 49th and Berwyn Rd by Holy Redeemer--its empty and looks crappy.

The decreasing ambiance and great place to live due the seeming increase in number and control of rental properties by non-resident landlords.

The disrespect that many of the college students show towards the neighborhood. Trash such as red cups and beer cans littered along the street and my yard after parties. The noise from rental house parties is unbearable at times and makes me question how much longer I want to live here. I have had 3 car mirrors broken and multiple pickets stolen from my fence by students.

The dummys who are working on their cars/exhaust systems/goodness only knows what, and to 'test' them, race up and down Rhode Island Ave in between the speed cameras.

The early morning noise as well as late night.

The few people who ignore ordinances about property upkeep, parking, trash, etc.

The food restaurants are limited & cater primarily to college kids. We go downtown for date night.

The house that shouldn't have been built - 7319 Radcliffe Drive! It is ugly, has devalued my home and others around it, and it doesn't fit in AT ALL.

The lack of attention to the development of a thriving Berwyn Road business district.

The lack of sidewalks, people throwing trash in the street, abandoned houses, unsafe Greenbelt Metro station.

The lack of upkeep of the houses and their properties. Lack of interest-not only the renters but the actual, active owners who live there. This brings down the value of the community, the integrity of the historic significance and the curb appeal.

The lack of useful local businesses. I'd love to see some places to eat/drink/etc. for dinner within walking distance of our homes. I'm always the designated driver, so when we go out to eat, we always have to leave North College Park (not a fan of Azteca), and often leave CP altogether. Same goes for shopping. The Shopper's produce is always rotting on the shelves. These churches taking over the area is ridiculous. The businesses near the intersection of Edgewood and Rhode Island are in desperate need of a facelift. They're horribly unattractive, and my family won't even shop at the majority of them. We've constantly been surprised at how nice they are on the inside, versus how horrific they are on the outside. It's hard not to judge a book by its cover at times. Cars rule the area and do not respect pedestrian traffic. Since the latest improvements, it has gotten better, but we need to continue making CP ped friendly. Something like speed bumps or raised walkways and better lighting at crosswalks would be a vast improvement over the currently dimly lit ones. Also, some of the older sidewalks are in very poor condition, especially over down Edgewood near the pharmacy. It tends to be

very dirty over there. The tree trimming jobs by Pepco tend to be very, very ugly and poorly executed.

The noise and trash from students living in rentals. Also, the not so rare drunk driving.

The noise of the students at night.

The noises late at night from the MUC students. MUC students park on our parking lot and that leaves no where for us to park. I feel the police should be seen more than they are. We need more than the 3 nights of a guard at our building (Spellman House). I feel mgmt in our building should feel better and care more about our safety. But they don't.

The number of rental properties and turn over. There have been good tenants and not so good tenants. Also in particular would like to see more involvement from the property owners. There is a property directly across from us and we never see them checking on their property. There was a firing of a gun by one of the previous tenants and that's when we saw the owner. This house is rented to college students so a lot of turnover. My other issue is the house used as rentals properties listed as a boarding house. This one is not and can have as many as 6-7 students which means more cars parked etc.

The people being allowed to keep trash in their back yards. Also the over growth of weeds in back yards.

The power goes out frequently.

The sidewalks are too narrow and blocked by telephone poles, fireplugs, and on trash collection days, by trash cans.

The size and quality of the housing stock limits the number of middle-class families with multiple children. Instead, we get college renters and all their attendant problems.

The stigmas that come with rental housing. I.E. noise, trash, tenants respect of there house and neighborhood.

The things I like least are the college kids are so noisy and some of them are disrespectful.

The traffic from the shopping center, and heavy and loud traffic on Cherry Hill Rd.

The unavailability of groceries and cinemas in walking distance (ie., 1 mile)

The vast number of rental property, as it continues to grow in number.

There is a lot of noise in a house in our neighborhood on weekend nights. Sometimes a lot of people come there and make noise on the street and we couldn't sleep. I called police once, but there was no reaction.

There is not enough convenient parking.

too many house's with extra adults living in basements/garages/etc. etc., creating much higher ambient noise levels, and a higher level of all types of pollution

Too many rental homes poorly maintained with too many people and too many foreclosures. Also, additions that look trashy and poorly maintained. Poorly maintained streets with many potholes and people consistently parking on land beyond their driveway. trash in yards and newspapers piled up on foreclosed houses.

Too many rental properties (and therefore not maintained well) and too much on street parking for those houses

Too many rental properties and the landlords fail to maintain the property. Code seems blind to the houses in disrepair. It takes several calls to try to remedy the bad situations.

Too many rentals

Too many rentals, too much noise coming from the renters, and too little attention to caring for homes. We need more speed bumps on some streets.

Irresponsible dog&cat owners--do not p/u after pets even while walking them, allow animals to roam free and damage neighbor's property.

Too much rental property-- renters do not keep the property & too many renters live in a single property Traffic

Traffic of course!

Traffic on major roadways spilling over into neighborhoods.

Trash all over with the accompanying rats all over too, cars speeding at 60/70 mph in our small streets, no visibility coming out of and entering in our cul-de-sac, music blaring out of student houses in the middle of the nights and only more such houses popping around every year, crazy traffic on Route 1

and only increasing too, mayor subservient to Kafritz money with no spine (balls) to step up and protect our neighborhood from further development and traffic.

Trash and noise from rental properties

Trash in curbs and right of way; poor street cleaning

Trash on highway; people roaming streets on foot after 12 midnight; crime in areas of city.

trash thrown out on Edmonston Road! Why do people have to litter??

turnover of rental units

unevenness of appearance of the city

unkempt yards of the rental houses

Unsafe car parking area at Attick Towers

Unsafe; am sexually harassed and/or yelled gender/sexuality related slurs at (both by other residents & people passing through) on a daily basis. Have had property destroyed by other residents, etc.

Very little sidewalk

Want quality development. Stop wasting money on trying to stop Cafritz

crime.

We are losing way too many trees. Too many homes are vacant or shabby. The general appearance and 'curb appeal' keeps going down. Some parts are looking pretty bad.

We have a council that doesn't much care about the community outside of the student needs.

When students and their friends park in front of your house and you have to pay the taxes but have to park someplace else!

Would LOVE a community center for kids to hang in, play basketball, for adults to attend a workout class

Number of abandoned properties is a BIG turn-off and makes the neighborhood less desirable.

Q24: List any recreational in which you would be interested in participating.

24 Hour Fitness (they are in Annapolis)

5k Race

5k runs

5k walk/run

A reading program weekdays/Saturdays

Activities for young children

adult leagues for volleyball/tennis/etc

Adult rec sports leagues

adult soccer league

adult softball league

Adult sports teams - i.e. soccer or softball

Aerobic class in evening or early morning

Affordable martial arts training

all woman's swimming

Am 88 years old

any kind of ethnic music events

Any youth activities like soccer, Lacrosse, or baseball

Archery

art classes

Art classes in the neighborhood

Arts related

Athletics on open fields

Ball games

Baseball
Basketball
Basketball
beach vollyball court
BELLY DANCING
Bible study
bicycling
Bicycling group
bike and walking trails
Bike club (so we could safely use the great local trails as a group)
Bike riding
Bike riding
bike trail
bike trails
bikerides
biking
Biking club
biking or hiking club
Bird Watching
Book group
Both of the above
Bowling
Boxing
Bus Tours
Bycicling
Camping
Camping
children activities
City adult sports leagues
coaching basesball
community bike rides
Community center in North College Park
Community Center in North College Park - exercise classes and equipment
Community clean-up programs
Community Garden
Community garden
Community garden
community garden for both veggies and flowers, etc.
Community garden/educational system

Q24: List any recreational in which you would be interested in participating.
community service projects
Community weight loss initiative (i.e. "Biggest Loser College Park")
Computer learning
Computer Learning Classes-
Cooking out
Cultural Activities
Cycle Club
cycling
cycling
dad and tot activities
Dancing
Dancing for seniors.
dog park
Dog park closer to downtown
Dog Park for free
Dog park within walking distance
Dog park!
Dog parks
dog walking
Educational classes
Exercise
Exercise classes
exercise equipment (need a facility for them)
Extended Learning activities for children
Fencing, archery
Fishing
Fishing at Lake Artemesia
fitness classes/activities
Fitness trail with activities geared toward children/adults/seniors
fitness training + yoga
Football
Foreign language
Frisbee golf
Frisbees
Fun Run/5K
Garden
garden club
Gardening club
golf
golf
Golf
Golf
Group bike rides
Group Dance and/or Exorcise Class
group dancing like they have at Glen Echo
Gym
Helping to install new exercise equipment on fitness trail
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Q24: List any recreational in which you would be interested in participating.
Helping to set up soccer goals where children could play
hiker biker trails - that are not on the road.
Hiking
hiking event
hiking/biking
Horse shoes
ice skating
ice skating park
I'm 64 with COPD - not an option!
I'm open to ideas
Indoor swimming
international folk dancing
JAZZ DANCING
JEWELRY MAKING
KAYAKING
KAYAKING
Knitting group
Kayaking in a clean water way
Lectures/performances
Line dancing
Make CP Woods playground accessible to handicapped (no mud, etc)
mixed aged intramural sports
model airplanes
More summer movies at Duvall field
Mountain biking
Neighborhood activities
neighborhood clean ups
Neighborhood events to improve neighborhood relationships
neighborhood gardening
Neighborhood nature clean-up events
North College Park Community Center
organized bike/fitness
Organized Fitness Walks
organized leagues for adults-soccer, tennis, volleyball
out door concerts
Outdoor Movie night @ Duvall field
Outdoors
Park
PC use
photo walks
public coffee-houses or salons
pasile conse nedect of edicine

Q24: List any recreational in which you would be interested in participating.
Rec sports leagues
Rifle Shooting
road biking
Rock climbing
run/walk races
Running
Running
running
running
running club
Running/Jogging
Running/Jogging
safe walking
Safe walking paths/hiking trails
Safe walking venues
Salsa/Latin dance
Sand Volleyball Court
School age soccer or any sport between 2-5 pm
Science math educational
self-defense instruction
Shooting sports
sidewalks!!!
Skate park
skiing
Sking
Skydiving
Soccer
soccer
soccer fields
Soccer league
Social Dance
Softball
Softball
softball
swimming
Swimming
swimming
swimming pool
Tennis
Tennis
tennis
Tennis
Tennis and volleyball
tennis court
Thank you all for the community fairs. Enjoy them!
Things that seniors can enjoy and be able to get to. We are on a fixed income and can't afford a
lot.
Tot lot for kids would be nice in the same park as the frisbee golf

Q24: List any recreational in which you would be interested in participating.
Town movie nights possibly in collaboration with UMD (Chapel field would be great!)
trails
tree planting/grooming
triathlon
ultimate frisbee
Ultimate frisbee!
volleyball
Volleyball
Walking
Walking
Walking
walking
Walking - sidewalks and pedestrian lights/signs through out the city
Walking club
Walking in parks and gardens
WALKING SAFELY
walking trail with exercise stations (Beltsville has one near their Community Center)
Walking trails
walking trails
Watching ballgames
We need a children/senior playground as shown in AARP magazine
Willow Street Yoga center in CP
year-round swimming
Yoga
Yoga - Tai chi
Yoga classes
Zumba

Q27. What community sustainability programs would you like to see the City pursue?
Allow homeowners to have own alternative sources such as windmills
City credits for energy-efficient home improvements
city use of wind energy
Community programs dealing with alternative sources of power-I.E. Solar/wind/etc.
community solar power
community wind power
electrical self-generation: solar and wind
encouragement of alternative energy sources (wind, solar)
energy - heating lighting
Energy efficiency - Solar Panels, insulation, etc.
energy efficiency (solar power?)
geo thermal energy
green energy
Heavily subsidized solar
Improving the efficiency of the new city hall renovations
installing solar panels like University park to reduce electricity consumption
Institute a program like University Park's Step Up for home energy efficiency

Q27. What community sustainability programs would you like to see the City pursue?

Local wind farm?

Loosen historic district requirements to ease installation of solar panels

more renewable energy and solar power

More solar panel installations

More use of sustainable power (solar, geothermal, wind)

municipal energy savings are good idea

Neighborhood or community shared photovoltaic systems or community based purchasing plans for these systems at a neighborhood or city level Check out web sites succ as ONE BLOCK OFF THE GRID

passive solar

Photovoltaic and/or heating on public structures (City hall/parking garage etc

reduce energy use - Government & Residential

Save Electricity

Solar and Wind on public buildings and parks

solar co-op

Solar co-op (like University Park)

Solar Energy

Solar Energy

solar energy

solar energy

Solar energy harnessing program(s)

Solar or other green energy use and encouragement

Solar panels

solar panels

Solar panels for yards as well as roofs

solar panels on public buildings/renewable energy at Public Works such as - Skystream wind turbines (like at U.S. Botanic Garden near the US Capitol)

Solar panels on roofs for electricity

Solar Power

Solar Power

solar power on municipal buildings and residences

Solar powered city buildings

solar powered lighting and other energy conservation efforts

Some kind of city-subsidized solar panel program, installation, etc.

Use of alternative energy sources

Use of solar power

utilities

Vertical Wind mills

Wind energy for a wind farm on USDA's land

Wind Farm - if applicable??

WIND POWER

Wind power

Wind power credits

workshops for how to be more energy efficient in our homes

become water efficient

better stormwater run-off

Encourage/offer assistance to develop rain gardens

ensure all new building. deals with stormwater runoff appropriately

Q27. What community sustainability programs would you like to see the City pursue?

installation of water saving flush valves on toilets

neighborhood, waterways and park clean up by citizens

permeable streets/storm water control

Permeable surface parking lots

Rain barrel program,

rain barrel installations

rain barrels

Rain barrels at a reasonable cost for residents

rain barrels to lower water table

rain gardens

rain gardens

rain gardens and riparian plantings on stream beds

Rain gardens to mitigate runoff for parking lots

Rain gardens, etc to improve runoff situation

rainwater collection/distribution

storm water control

The ONLY sustainability program that is appropriate for the City to advocate is water management to reduce rain runoff and flooding.

Water

water barrels from roofs, gardening on roofs

Water conservation (rain gardens would be great!)

Water Conservation Education and Outreach

workshops for conserving water

A place where residents can drop off 'stuff' (not trash) they don't want, and get things that they do want.

Better recycling

Better recycling (sort in groups)

better recycling especially at businesses

better recycling

clothing/book dropboxes near the Greek houses

encourage businesses to cut waste and use recyclable stuff

Flea market so people could re-use what someone else doesn't use anymore

Freecycling

Help students recycle/reuse their house stuff

Help students reduce their waste

Incentivized scrap metal recycling

Increased recycling (Styrofoam, etc.)

more electronics recycling

Producer-Only Farmers Market

provide more ways to reuse/ pass on household items

divert solid waste through recycling

Public recycling bins

Recycling at all local businesses!!!

Recycling bins available to the public

Recycling program for local businesses

Reduce amount of waste disposed through reuse/recycle

Reusing - like reusing tires, mattress

Styrofoam recycling

waste reduction

Continue recycling leaves program, sell compost.

community garden

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community gardens and compost, etc.

community gardens are good idea

Community teaching garden w/ volunteer opportunities

Advice about green gardening

Allow urban gardens including goats and chickens

Encourage gardening

Encourage home and community gardens

Encourage planting to promote natural habitat

gardening

green space

more green and open spaces

More Green Space, Especially the area Around R.I. Ave. and Edgewood Rd.

more open space

Native gardening

Sustainable gardening/landscaping

Sustainable lawn care that doesn't harm the Bay

A community composting curbside pick up

community composting

composting

Composting

composting

composting

composting for homes

composting tutorials

Encourage backyard food scrap composting

food composting program

Increased access to composting program

It would be nice to get involved as a community with the Ecofarm--providing kitchen waste for compost/fertilizer

Recycling -Composting

Residential compost collection

Wide scale composting program

continued urban renewal

don't allow construction of tall buildings near Greenbelt Metro Station

Enhance infrastructure

Green buildings

In fact, it would be great if all new bldg projects (commercial) were required to be Leeds certified.

It would be nice if the new school planned for Calvert Road had Leeds rating, and perhaps a green roof

Limit the requirement for heat-retaining brick in new buildings

Low Impact Development

More LEED certified buildings

Patching Cracks in the Streets to Stop Further Deterioration.

restrict dense development to specific downtown areas - keep out of residential areas

smart development/ redevelopment

stop development

Educate the residents on Recycling and What Items of Refuse Will Not Be Collected.

Educating the community about how our water sanitation

education in schools on efficiency

educational programs about alt. energy sources

define such programs

increased education of residents

information on types of insulation for older homes

More education to citizens about reducing carbon footprint, proper recycling, etc. CBE to work with community civic groups to get the word out.

publicize the compost program; I still don't know much about it

bike and walking paths

Bike to work

continue to encourage walking and cycling/ city hybrid vehicles

Continued Support for bike transport

Develop and Promote Safe Bicycle Routes

encourage bike riding - more bike trails

Expanding bike/ped trails

Higher quantity of bike racks in public spaces

improving bike infrastructure

Increase safety of biking

Advertise local public transport opportunities

Decrease use of cars

discourage driving on campus

Get better UM access to minimize traffic backups

Have frequent bus service on route 1 with dedicated lanes

Increased bus frequency to encourage use of public transit

initiative for CP businesses to hire CP residents

Maintaining/improving mass transit access

reduce traffic

Traffic easement

improvement in tree canopy

landscaping and tree/shrub planting (that doesn't interfere with power lines)

More tree enforcement like Takoma Park - See too many health trees cut down.

Prune the trees to improve clearance for cars and pedestrians.

Retention of the Urban Forest and Tree Canopy in City limits

Tree planting. Also some roadside areas need grass. I see too much soil erosion.

Tree plantings

Trees conservation

Yearly tree canopy planning

Change overhead lights to LED. Make street illumination lower brightness, but more evenly lighted.

Get more efficient street lights, i.e. LED or ???

Installation of timers on bathroom lights

Less overall ambient lighting (more dark sky at night)

Reduce excessive brightness along Lackawanna Street. Eliminate redundant light.

street lights that focus light downward

use energy efficient street lights

Convert to small electric trash trucks for local PU. Use large trucks for trips to dump only

Electric service vehicles?

Electric vehicles

fuel efficient vehicles - biodiesel and high gas mileage.

more fuel efficient vehicles

Prepare for era of electric cars

Balanced cost/benefit analysis of green initiatives

Let the city council and mayor pay for them out of their own pockets

Nothing that will raise taxes more

Programs that are economically viable.

These programs are a waste of my tax dollars

We do not need to spend taxpayer dollars on city employees telling residents to install new windows and light bulbs.

Anything to help seniors be able to live better. From food-electricity-drive is really hard if you are a senior.

closer and higher end retail/grocery

co-ops

Encourage farmers market, locally grown produce.

more local food sources

Plenty [of] nutritious, unrotten, unlimited, wholesome supply of food programs

green roof

Green roof

green roofs

green roofs

rooftop grass

Grants for greening residential and commercial properties

Grants for sustainability upgrades to homes

grants for sustainable upgrades to homes

Incentives for landlords to make their properties more sustainable

offer tax credits for businesses who adopt sustainable practices

A Scheduled Program to Keep Streets Clean - Street Sweeper has to make Contact With the Curb in Order to Clean-Up the Debris.

annual stream clean ups

City parks have poor grass cover and too many rocks. They look bad.

Have a means for disposal of hazardous waste. County facility is not convenient and underused.

Haz mat recycling opportunities like battery disposal / paint disposal

collecting unneeded pesticides, toxics from homes

Allow residents to have chickens

collecting cooking oil, selling or giving it away

Cooking oil to bio diesel program for small businesses

Disposable bag tax

Pay as you throw system for bulk trash (not recycling or yard debris)

Repair shop - a place where folks can repair before trashing & learn from folks willing to share their knowledge. There are great programs like this in NYC, West coast

none

Not sure

Not sure

don't know

unsure what you mean

Any and all others

Better schools

Block parties to help introduce new neighbors

Code enforcement of trash cleanup with businesses on the Paint Branch side of Route 1

Control PEPCO rates

fine owners of trashy student houses

Green emphasis

help check for water and air leaks in homes

Make heating pellets from leaves

Movies

Personal expression such as art classes, reading classes that are enjoyable

prevent home gardens on from lawns

raise dragonflies and other mosquito predators

Reduce electricity at night so students can't blare music

Reduction of the City Govt's Carbon Footprint

Remove all speed cameras

Shred-it

Trash burning plants similar to the one in Baltimore

Use waste motor oil for heat

ziplines

Q32: What do you like BEST about College Park?

- Age diversity
- Solid neighbors
- 1. small town atmosphere but still close to many many things in the DC Metro area,
- 2. cultural and ethnic diversity

A nice place to live.

A small town feeling in a big metro area.

Access to metro

Access to Metro and D.C. metro area

Access to the University of Maryland (energy of a college town), access to bike trails, Lake Artemesia, access to mass transit, intersting neighborhoods, intersting attractions (College Park Airport).

Access to the University of Maryland, immediate access to a major employer (UMD), affordable housing stock, great access to public transportation and proximity to the District, great location in general (easy access to 495/95/ICC/295 and 193, Route 1, 410 only minutes away).

Access/ availability to parks & trails

Affordability

Ambiance with the multitute of many activities

As a self employed painter, there are many resources (paint store, home depot, etc), that make shopping for my business easy. It's also a good central location for me to commute to a lot of my jobs since we are near 95N, the beltway, and DC. It's affordable.

As I previously the access to downtown.

Average

Away from the Washington DC areas

Basic services such as trash collection, snow removal; access to Metro

being close to Univ of Maryland and to D.C., close to excellent bicycle paths and safe roads for cycling, my Councilman Fazlul Kabir (does a great job), good restaurants and shopping, multi-cultural neighborhood, responsive city government and active citizenry

Being so close to the university and the offerings there.

Better run than many of the surrounding "inside the Beltway" and "border" towns.

Bike trails and park spaces and green areas.

Can afford to move anywhere else in DC Metropolitan area right now.

central. convenient. so much close by. diverse.

City government and the many services it provides. Location - near BW Parkway, I-95, I-495

City government provides good services to the community.

City services are very good.

City services overall is good

Clarice Smith Center at UMd

City size and manageability (especially when the students are gone)

Green line

Recycling and public works services

close to the surrounding areas has potential

close to beltway

Close to Metro and University

close to metro, not as expensive as other areas inside the beltway, town seems well run, great MNCPPC trails and recreation stuff.

Close to my employment.

close to quite a few things

Close to work and metro. Relatively quiet community (unless you live next door to students).

College and the university. Close to DC.

college town and use of UMD

Colorful

convenience

Convenience - walking distance to metro/CVS/some food options. I also like the tree canopy and friendliness of community.

convenience to highways & DC

convenient location (close to dc, Baltimore, and Virginia).

Convenient Location and Some of the City Services

convenient to 95 and 495, reasonable cost of living

Convenient to Shoppers.

Convenient to shopping and hwys.

Cooperation of people in charge

Diverse

Diversity of people

Diversity of residents, University of Maryland, proximity to Washington, D.C. and government agencies.

Diversity of the neighborhood

Diversity, ease of transportation and location with in Metro Washington Area.

Ease of access to information is greatly improved.

Ease of getting around via public transportation

Easy access to DC, Beltway, I-95

Easy to get out of with major highways (Rt 1, I-95, BW Parkway) and Metro! What lifesavers!!!

Easy walk to stores and metro. The friendliness of my neighbors.

Everything

Extremely affordable for young families on a tight budget; community is diverse; access to culture and mass transit into the District.

family residential

Feels like home with a good since of community.

Genuine concern of its citizen's welfare.

Good school for kids

Good services from City trash, snow, etc.

Great garbage/trash/leaf pickup, friendly/diverse/relaxed, hollywood is nice and green. Trails and lake is nice.

Has huge potential, if we can get more higher-income residents, and get landlords to care for their properties.

Home Depot

I graduated from the University and I've lived in College Park Woods for 36 years. I think that speaks for itself.

I have a nice house and it is convenient to the rest of the Metro area for shopping and dining. Crime is relatively low.

I like my quiet neighborhood. I can walk to take the bus to downtown DC. I like the sense of community from my neighbors. I love the trees canopies in my neighborhood.

I like that I live in a quiet community, within walking distance of multple sources of public transportation and an organic grocery store, inside the beltway that is affordable.

I like the fact that I can do some errands on foot or bike, the proximity to Metro, and housing costs that are lower than many other suburbs.

I love that I can walk to downtown College Park and also to Ikea. There are great opportunities for our children to play and many friends for them to play with.

I love that our neighborhood is close to Metro, bike trails that we can ride to restaurants and grocery shopping.

Is a reasonable good city to live in overall.

It has a nice mix of resources

It has been my home for 40 years and I attended the University of MD

It is Home!

It seems like there are enough shopping opportunities and some doctors but for both there are some areas of improvements needed.

It's a fairly quiet suburban community with most things you need within biking distance, and conveniently close to a big city.

It's close to the Beltway, 95 and BW Parkway. For the past 10 - 12 years shopping has been more convenient in NCP with Shoppers etc.

Its Potential

Its proactive leadership

it's quiet, relatively safe and there is a metro

Its small and very easy to get around.

It's very quiet here I live.

I've lived here for 62 years - and I've always felt this is home - I don't want to live any place else. (I remember when Route 1 was a two lane road)

Jason's Deli

Joe Nagro

Knowing my city government officials

Like the university being the center of the town.

Living in a college town, walking on campus, biking network (but wish there was a trail connecting cpw to the pb trail)

Location

location

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Location - close proximity to all our needs and wants.

Location - it is an undiscovered city in the inner beltway.

Location to Washington, Baltimore, Metro. Great City Services. Ability to speak with local elected officials and City staff. Overall management of City employees and services

Location, access to transportation options and area attractions

Location, cost of living, proximity to transportation.

Location, safety, convenience.

Lots of places to shop

Lots of trees.

love the community, the schools and the smaller town feeling.

Many stores, etc.

Metro access

Metro accessibility, REI, Mom's Organic Market, University of Maryland programs, bike trails, responsive city government and services

Metro rail proximity, cheap eats/bubble tea

metro, university, parks

MOM's

Mom's Organic Market

most areas are quiet and they should stay like this

Most stuff is within walking distance + running paths

My house, the small town look and feel we used to have.

My neighborhood; convenient location to get to other places; variety of ages and backgrounds of people.

My neighbors

natural trail network makes it easy to go places and for recreation, but would be nice if they weren't all paved.

near BW parkway, 495, NY Ave to DC, Rt 50-Location

neighbors

neighbors

Nice

opportunities at the university

Our recreation areas, our easy proximity to public transportation, especially the metro to downtown. I also love our old homes, our trolley trail, and our old trees.

Overall convenience and appearance

Parks

parks and trails.

Peaceful, friendly, fairly small town feel.

Please see answers to section 3. Same

Presence of the University and its activities.

Excellent city services (recycling, snow removal, trash removal)

Progressive City Government and access to University of Maryland. We love the forest behind our house with deer, foxes, woodpeckers and hawks.

Proximity to DC and University.

Proximity to DC, UMCP, and the Beltway.

proximity to everything!

proximity to major highways. dining options. MOMs.

Proximity to major routes and the metro.

Proximity to metro and many buses, and also proximity to the university, and the presence of farmers markets. Also the availability of cultural events organized by the CPAE.

proximity to UMCP

proximity to UMD; my small neighborhood feel; REI and MOMs; the city employees are helpful and courteous.

Proximity to work.

Public Works - excellent service level!

Quiet, safe

Relatively inexpensive to own a home (compared to region), proximity to UMD.

Responsiveness of the City councilmen to neighborhood's and citizen's concerns. Very good trash and debris collections. Tree City USA designations. Close to metro stations and UMD. REI and MOMs!

Route 1

Safe housing

Same answers as the "my neighborhood" question

See previous answers.

Seems to be safe & also prestigious as in the vicinity of Renowned University.

Sense of small town vibrant community nestled in an urban area

Small community, convenient to the Beltway and Parkway, some green space

small town atmosphere with big city convenience

Small town community with citizens concerned about their community.

Small, close-knit, not too congested, easy to get around

Stable neighborhood

Suits our needs for work and life. Not going to retire here though.

Thank you for installing a traffic light at Edgewood and Rhoade island. It took 15 years, but it has made a huge difference

That it's a College Town.

The bike trail. I think it should extend down to Riverdale at the bottom of Rhode Island ave, apart from the muddy track that does.

The care of the public works department.

The city seems to have good programs concerning recycling, but they could be MUCH better....I believe we have the ability to set the standard for neighboring comm., and improve the overall standard of living for all !!!!

LEAD BY EXAMPLE.....BEFORE IT'S TO LATE

The College, the community service and the police control. Additionally the stores and other amenities are within walking distance.

The cultural mix and the rich diversity of possibilities for participation in the city and/or just enjoy life.

The different communities.

The diversity and ease of getting around

The downtown Farmers Market, Univ. of MD., -I think the city has good ideas but poor enforcement most of the time.

The energy

The neighbors, trees, proximity to UMD

the parks and trails

the people

The people!

The people.

The residential neighborhoods.

The services we get for our tax money.

The trolley trail and the walkability of downtown

The trolley trail.

the university (as employer, cultural center, etc.)

The University of Maryland

The University of Maryland

The university, the location in relation to DC, the low cost of living.

The various amenities and opportunities it offers for both work, family, and recreation. It is very convenient, practical, and fun place to live.

The vibrancy of a college town; the rich cultural and sporting activities possible via the university

There are some nice people living here.

There was concern expressed by a city councilperson that a city needs to attract business to survive. However, this is not so for College Park, which is lucky to be host to the state's largest emplyer: The University of Maryland. It is only encumbent upon the city to make the environment pleasant, so that those who work at the university are willing to live here.

Transportation network; easy to walk to/from work, school, volunteer hours, etc. Close to Metro & other public transit, although is unsafe overall.

trees

trees

UM Campus is nicely maintained.

UMD Sports; accessible to help when needed City of College Park very helpful

university community

University of Maryland and DC access

University programs

Upkeep overall, stores, transportation

Very good community.

Very quiet.

Vibrancy of living in a college community....the small town feel to Old CP in a very urban area

Walkability of Downtown

Walkable, proximity to university and metro

we have no kill animal control

Yards and their trees and flowers

youthful

Q33: What do you like LEAST about College Park?

See previous answers.

- Crime
- Drag racing on 54th Avenue
- Speeding and Loud music cars in residential area;
- Traffic gridlock Route 1;
- Crime:
- Route 1 area too much development and high rise buildings
- The Route 1 commercial corridor (a complete disgrace that desperately needs to improve)
- Hollywood Shopping Center (a great area with potential that is totally underwhelming)
- The onslaught of public safety issues
- Lack of City police force
- Horrible for pedestrians/cyclists (too many speeders, not enough crosswalks/sidewalks)
- Inability to control speeding drivers on residential streets
- Lack of inviting, high quality, pedestrian-friendly retail outside of Downtown College Park (and even that's a stretch)
- Totally disjointed development/construction/growth strategy downtown and across the city.

- The complete inability by city leaders (now and historically) to leverage the University of Maryland's location/largesse/prestige to become a great city and college town. Virtually no connection between the average city resident and the University. Most people just complain about the traffic and that's it.
- Mediocre local schools (especially grades 6-12)
- Wasted potential in commercial development of Route 1 corridor, Greenbelt Metro and College Park Metro neighborhoods, 193 corridor and the Rhode Island Avenue neighborhoods.
- The City's website. Absolutely brutal.

? Traffic on Rt. 1

A little too "hick" right now.

A sense of town-gown tensions that inhibit the potential for a truly excellent and vibrant college town

All of the old buildings that are now turning into churches.

Am satisfied. Am 88 years old. Can't see, hear, and walk good.

apparently not safe

Auto insurance is \$100 higher.

Available parking downtown. Traffic on Rt 1.

Quality of restaurants.

Baltimore Avenue

Becoming noisy and congested. Traffic. Lack of yard upkeep

Big mouth council member

Can't think of much at this time.

Car insurance is higher

charter school planned off of Calvert Hills

Children cannot enjoy the playground on Lakeland Road for adults, majority of the time illegally smoking and loafing on swings.

City Govt

close to 495 and car noise and exhaust during rush hour

code enforcement

College park is hampered by having route one running straight down the middle of it. I do like the campaign to have residents use public transportation by making the UM shuttle free to residents. I also like the variety of busses in the community, however you would get more ridership if they ran more frequently.

Communication from municipal and county government, ugliness of "downtown" area, and lack of good post-elementary school choices.

Continuing progress needed to make Route 1 more appealing, less seedy, improvements are underway Cost of Living due to College Housing increased. Weekend Crime, Bike Lanes not actively patrolled for enforcement leading to hazards for those who bike. Not a pedestrian friendly environment outside of downtown college park and bike/walking trails.

CP is rather dull compared to other college towns.

Crime

crime and noise, some neighborhoods on decline because of lack of code enforcement, property values declining

Crime!! I've been here for 13 years and will be moving as soon as the housing market turns around, because of the crime.

crime, lack of upscale retail and dining. I hate having to drive to Montgomery or Howard County to go shopping.

Crime.

crime. condition of housing.

Dealing with the mess on Route 1. Improving this so it's at least moderately attractive would go a long way towards improving the city's image, since this is what most people see of College Park and that's how they form their impressions.

Developers still get to disregard the rules. Lack of better integration with the university.

Didn't realize that the huge student population and state controlled univ means CP isn't really a thriving "college town" because the campus itself provides so many services to students/staff -- no "great" town "needed". Combined with miserable traffic on Rt. 1, egregious greed among developers who aren't remotely concerned about aesthetics' contribution to excellent community life, a seemingly corrupt County giving developers endless carte blanche, and poor dining/retail options, it has many of the ills or urban life w/o the amenities. We see little hope for change. Property values continue to sink in most 'hoods (like Old Town), while they are improving elsewhere. Partly, that's PG County, but it's also the quality of life in Old Town. UMD and many landlords do not seem to care about off-campus behavior, and the amount of noise and vandalism was shocking to us in Old Town. We'd be gone already but the house is worth too little to sell.

Difficult to say

Disrespectful students. Noise.

downtown is too busy/crowded while U of MD is in session

Downtown parking meters, speed cameras, and Route 1 / Cherry Hill Rd intersection

Empty and rundown commercial space along Route 1, lack of good restaurants.

excessive traffic; unresponsive, meddling government; over-development; unequal treatment of property owners; rent control enforcement; wasteful spending of taxpayer's money.

Feel walked over by university and developers

Feeling of being unsafe due to crimes, but this is true everywhere in the DC area and most urban areas in the U.S.

Feeling unsafe using the great trails we have for biking and walking (and so not using them alone); the increased crime and shootings around McDonald's; people who park SUVs in their driveways and then put on music (including high bass) that we are all forced to endure; the local public schools and inability to provide a "free, appropriate public education" to my special education child.

few respectable places to go out and eat or shop. Have to go to Silver Spring, D.C., other places outside of College Park to do that

Focus on the wrong things. Too much control on the neighborhoods with such things as code enforcement and cameras. Concentrate more on Route 1. That's where the town gets ugly, not the neighborhood and the residents.

Frequency of muggings, lack of typical college town bohemian vibe. It has improved over the last decade, though!

Get rid of the speed cameras.

How many residents actually know about this survey?

Have to drive to other communities for shopping. Route 1 is just residential, hotels, subpar dining, liquor stores, gas stations. There is not much appeal there. Use is as a way to work and home

have to pay for parking to visit downtown

Having to pay to park in the downtown area. I avoid, if at all possible, shopping in the downtown area since I have to pay to park. There are the same amount, if not more, opportunities elsewhere where I don't have to pay for parking. the implementation of the parking garage has been okay but I don't know of any way for merchants to stamp/validate parking tickets to encourage me to shop in the downtown area.

High costs; gentrification; high turnover rate of residents who aren't committed to making College Park a better, safer, and more affordable place to live for people of all backgrounds & demographics.

Housing; malls for shopping; church in neighborhoods; recreation areas.

I dislike how crummy many parts of the city looks. The Hollywood area is crummy along Rhode Island Avenue and many parts of Route One look awful. But the rules of living in Old Town and Calvert Hills are crazy just to have the National Historic District status. Areas like Berwyn have a nice community with little problems of trash but not crazy rules like in Old Town.

I do not think it would exist if not for the presence of the University. I think that is the role College Park is meant to play as a community and I do not think that it fulfills that obligation well. Route 1. I hate shopping.

I don't feel as safe as I used to. too many large buildings going up on US 1

I have to go outside the city for most shopping (other than food) & dining out.

I seen many changes and it seems to me the University of Maryland is controlling our destiny!! I can't help feeling it all centers around the student dollar. It appears town meeting to discuss changes and options are just a smoke screen and a waste of time - what's going to happen is already set in stone and the meeting is only because the bylaws require them - that's why I stopped attending!!!!!!!!!!! What scares me the most is - my father built this house and in 10 to 15 years the University will want this property for student housing and I will be forced to move - they get everything else they want!!!!!

I wish it had a stronger voice in the larger PG community, where things like Whole Foods ended up choosing Riverdale over college Park. The downtown community also seems lacking for such a large college town, making us wish it could move toward more of an Ann Arbor, Evanston, or Athens, GA community feel between residents, students, and local business opportunities.

I would guess at this point it is safety after dark....

Increased traffic

it a dead boring college town swamped by alcohol centric bars, and boring fast food chain restaurants It is too expensive to live here unless you bought your house more than 15 years ago. Property values will not increase here because the property taxes for new home purchases are much, much, much higher than for those whose homes were purchased many years ago. My neighbor's property is five times the size of my property and his house is three times the size of my house, but my taxes are nearly twice his taxes. This is a huge long-term problem for the region. In other words, new home buyers are subsidizing (significantly) older home buyers. So, there is no reason for anyone to ever purchase a property in this area. The taxes are so high, the quality of the schools is so poor, there is incompetent county government, fraud, waste, the city is growing its bureaucracy and wasting money, and the crime is very scary. I cannot imagine any demand for property in this town until property values decline another 25% or the politicians wake up and make the property taxes fair and equitable for all. FYI, here is a fact: residential property value in CP has declined 15% in the past 10 years, while taxes have significantly increased. The combined state/county/local tax burden in this area is among the highest in the country. It is simply unsustainable, and the City continues to grow by spending more money on useless city staff, grants, and publications. Unless the city, county and state managers and bureaucrats wake up soon, they will drive people out of the area, forcing them to take a significant loss (or walk away) from their property, and then the properties will be acquired by others after they have dropped significantly further in value. It appears that not a single person in this city is aware of these very real issues. The city continues to recklessly steal and give taxpayer dollars away to poorly maintained businesses so that they can replace their awnings (hmmm....reward failure and mismanagement and failing businesses....great idea), to translate every publication into multiple languages, and to buy "green" energy that has absolutely no incremental environmental benefit beyond the state's renewable energy requirements. All of these things are being done without the awareness and consent of those that pay for them. Scary, very scary. I know the city bureaucrats mean well, but you cannot indiscriminately take hard-earned money from struggling citizens and spend it recklessly. Please stop. Please, you are seriously harming the people that live in this community and I am hearing more and more neighbors say that they want to leave.

It's not very quirky - there's a lot of frat/bro-y types everywhere, there's not really a good diversity of different types of people and retail catering to different types of people

Its sometimes penny pinching support for the operation of the city and the generally excellent and dedicated people who serve it.

just about everything - cost of city taxes; tax increases in the city; poor quality housing stock; city fights new development opportunities; city does not do enough to contain the students in the old town neighborhood and calvert hills.

lack of access to shopping

Lack of amenities in downtown, unsafe sidewalks, lack of bike lanes.

Lack of attention to non-Attick Towers and Spellman House seniors.

Lack of good dining and shopping.

lack of good restaurants

lack of good stores, lack of connecting bike trails, lack of nice downtown area, having to pay for parking downtown - we no longer go to downtown stores do to the new parking meters. we use to be regulars at cvs now we go to cvs in greenbelt, hyattsville or hillendale

Lack of grocery store and places for adults in the community.

Lack of its own full-time police force.

Lack of low-cost shopping alternatives - We need a SuperWalmart. Students and other renters tend over-occupy single family homes causing a parking and safety problem.

Lack of quality entertainment venues and Restaurants.

Lack of quality restaurants and stores.

Lack of respect landlords and student renters have for City neighborhoods' quality of life

Lack of responsibility of some non-residents affecting those who live in College Park.

Land locked in North College Park due to no enhancements to Route 1 - it is a traffic nightmare most of the time and there are few if any alternatives. It is easier to get to Beltsville to use their services and businesses that to go to downtown College Park or beyond for them. No recreational facilities in North College Park for the community. People all have their own agendas - not a real sense of community or discourse on topics effected all, Some people speak on issues as though they are speaking for all which is very disheartening and untrue. Need more community building activities.

Late night crimes

limited foresight of the part of the city council to understand that city is an urban area with strong potential to be a huge economic thriving community. However, it feels like its being constricted by elected officials who are not big picture thinkers -College Park can --and will thrive as a small community if it can get up and over the "NIMBY" thinkers who to push their lifestyle onto the community...its the old build it and they will come theory. Instead, we must lose the NIMBY thinking and appreciate our community for what it is and accept one another for who we are.

Loud and uncontrolled students and poorly maintained or policed rental housing

Major decisions, for example the fate of the school and park on Guilford, being made without proper notice or information to affected residents.

Mostly the new development on Rt 1 - too much traffic, the buildings are too big and are detracting from the character of the city. Also the traffic during UMD home games & inconsiderate college students.

Muggings

Necessity to use main roads, even when they are congested.

Need more restrictions on students living in neighborhood and landlords who operate housing units in neighborhood. Lack of a small grocery or food co-op.

Needs to attract more like Northern Va with the caliber of Business/places to work. The school system is improving but more work needs to be done.

Neighborhood quality of life is slowly going down.

No close good grocery store and no decent public schools after elementary.

No cultural awareness and concerns

No offroad bike trails or skills parks (see rockburn skills park), no climbing gyms, no walkable restaurants or shopping from greenbelt metro. Trolley trail still not done.

No senior community center such as the one just opened in Laurel, the Beltsville-Laurel Center. I now go to the Margaret Schweinhaut Center on Forest Glen Rd to participate in their programs.

No sidewalks

No upscale shopping or restaurants.

No upscale shopping or condo housing

Number of thefts

Our public schools aren't great, noise and trash from student parties isn't well-controlled, and the downtown and Route 1 are congested and ugly.

Overpopulation.

Parking meters - It discourages me from going to businesses there -unless I have to go there!

Parking one way on streets

parking, dining, shopping, specially supermarkets

Please see answers to section 3. Same. Also, no real reason to go downtown. No shops to browse or spend time in.

Poor education system

Poor planning of events -- ie -- CP Day and Halloween Happening on Same Day same time! No events in North College Park. Not many basic restaurants (I tend to do my dining and shopping in Laurel Maryland). New apartments for College Students but priced to make the students share homes instead. LACK of Lighting at crosswalks!!!!

Power outages. Condition of houses. See previous answer.

Predators who come here to rob unlocked houses.

Rental units

Route 1 - traffic is awful, and the vacant buildings are disgusting. It's an embarrassment.

Route 1 corridor needs to have sidewalks from the southern end of the city limits to the northern end of the city limits on both north and south bound sides.

Route 1's overhead power lines and lack of walkability north of the University. Lack of sidewalks in Branchville & Daniels Park.

Route One traffic

Rt 1 backup too often.

Rt. 1 Traffic and Littered Roads and Streets & Appearance of Some Properties. ? ? Wondering about the Little Blue Street Signs I see around. Cute, But I think they're Useless I don't see a Practical Use for Them. You have to Right Next to Them to Read, And If you're There, You Don't Need the Sign! How Much Did We Pay for These?

Rte 1: crime

I'm not happy about the new traffic light at the corner of Rhode Island and Edgewood. The light does a good job of cutting down the traffic waiting at the 4 way stop, but I don't like the big commercial feel of that intersection now. Rhode Island is my neighborhood road - I job and ride my bicycle on that road. I don't want it to turn into a busy street and worry that College Park is sacrificing the neighborhood feel to convenience the commuters who use Rhode Island to avoid Rte 1. I'm extremely unhappy about the amount of trees that were cut down to accommodate the light. I don't believe the intersection needed to be expanded as much as it was.

The new developments on Rte 1 look nice, but I don't want College Park to try to become Silver Spring. I do NOT like Silver Spring and its congestion. I like that College Park is smaller. I don't like the unsavory and unattractive businesses that currently line much of Rte 1, but I would like College Park to try to keep their improvements small. For one, Rte 1 can't handle much more traffic. I don't want to have to widen Rte 1 - that would make College Park a worse place to live.

I'm very disappointed in the amount of development allowed adjacent to the creek that runs along the west side of Rte 1. A new apartment building has a parking garage that looks over the creek - this is not a wise use of our beautiful natural resources. Ideally, I wish that College Park hadn't allowed any development west of Rte 1 between the road and the creek. In the future, I hope that College Park makes smart decisions about development.

Rude college students that are renters.

Run-down, somewhat unsafe, beat up downtown

Safety at some crosswalks especially at Greenbelt Rd. and Rhode Island Ave.

Same answers as the "my neighborhood" question

Scary people who walk around and commit crimes. Loud college parties.

Shopping opportunities, especially the difficulty of getting to a grocery store

Shopping/dining seems to be targeted to the university community.

some of the noise and disturbance that comes from a student population; the lack of a TRUE college town atmosphere

Some of the services, business closures, constructions, traffic, crime, offensive speeches.

Some places are shabby looking. Lack of opportunities for shopping and recreation. I want to see more modern and diverse opportunities for food and dining.

Speed bumps

Speed cameras, lack of good options for dining and shopping. Most of the food places are fast foody, we need some more slightly upscale sit down options.

Stratified between town and gown.

Student noise, trash and vandalism.

Student rentals in what used to be very nice neighborhoods

student renters in residential neighborhoods

Student trash, way too many rats all over, noisy students, speeding cars, stiffening traffic, business that are allowed to not pay taxes, developers that are allowed to not pay taxes for their development while the residents have to pay taxes while their neighborhood goes to pot with more traffic, more noise, more trash, more rats

Students living in College Park Woods. It is *overwhelming*; no place to park, loud racing motors up and down St. Andrews Place constantly.

taxes

TAXES, TAXES I tell friends who live in other areas of the DC region and other parts of the USA and nobody can believe the property/ city taxes I pay (and I'm in a tiny house)

The bus stops running at 5pm on Sundays.

The bus stops running too early. The prices for dining places are too high.

The city continues to add services and things when what they are already doing is good but not great. Focus on what you are doing now, become great at it and then add if budget allows.

The City Hall Farmers Market desperately needs a facelift. It should be a producer only market, not a produce resale location.

the congestion

The Council -- unfairly elected. They really have no concern except to move UP to the next level. How much did we lose when THEY bought houses and had to spent to fix them up and now they can't sell them!!! Come on... We are surrounded by GREAT school systems...what happened here? Hyattsville and now Laurel are creating wonderful living/entertaining/dining districts. What happened here?

The crowding of Highway 1.

The decline in families in my neighborhood. When grown-up opportunities try to come to our city, the partisans on the city council oppose all development. Instead, they talk about wasting our money on paying businesses to improve their signs or raze dilapidated buildings.

The downtown is for students. Adults don't go there. Need a grown-up restaurant, shopping area to encourage CP as a destination. BTW - I LOVE the Fishtails Restaurant - that's a very good start! the Greenbelt Metro station at the exit into the neighborhood is not lit enough and a little unsafe. There should be a surveillance system to monitor the incoming people. It has happened before that robbers came into the neighborhood through that exit. There should be signs indicating that area is under surveillance to discourage them.

The lack of a grocery store, lack of quality eateries -- there are far too many fast-food places--, no movie theater or bookstore, and no real bakery or delicatessen.

The lack of groceries, cinemas in walking distance

The lack of proper code enforcement.

The lack of quality retail within easy walking distance. The fact that almost all our retail and restaurants are bars or fast food establishments aimed at the student market. While we realize it is unpopular, we really want to see the Cafritz property development and the Whole Foods AS LONG AS there is no vehicle access to Calvert Hills, and the trolley trail is improved and continued through to the property.

The public schools are awful.

The run down abandoned building are an eyesore, also route one traffic.

The rundown appearance of Rt. 1 and environs

Lack of cohesiveness in shopping opportunities

The new high rises going up everywhere (who is going to live in all these apartments??!)

Traffic on Rt. 1

the new parking meters at CVS center

The taxes are high, and there is too much rental housing in the city.

The traffic is horrible! Having to pay to park during the week sucks!

The trash everywhere, the lack of good restaurants (fast food is not a good restaurant), route 1.

The University of Maryland

The way UM dominates and is taking over Rt. 1 . . . hate, hate the high rises, impending explosion of hotels, and students dashing or walking out onto Rt 1 ignoring lights and traffic; Council members who think building projects indicate progress, that College Park needs more tax dollars anyway it can get them.

The woes of the school district, traffic during rush hour, and stigmas attached to rental housing within the neighborhoods.

There is a significant divide between the longer term College Park community and the university community. There should be greater interaction between the two groups to prevent the frustrations that currently exist.

There is disrespect in terms of not honoring those who work hard to make CP their home. Why? I want an environment where I can reside comfortably and in peace--building tall structures anywhere in cp goes against the homeowners peace, the rental merry-go-round ditto, unavailability of decent public schools grades 5-12, better senior housing, community ctr programs for tweens and home schooled kids, we need a police force and people in gvt. Who will stop building these towers and pay attention to the traffic on RTE 1 and the intersection hell hole of CHERRY HILL&RTE 1. Is anyone listening? Is anyone going to do anything to make CP a better, safer place to live? I hope so.

There is little or nothing that I dislike.

There seems to be a disconnect between students and residents. Home vs. Temp Housing.

To many people "Hanging Out", begging at intersections, shopping centers....sleeping in cars in parking lots, and also young people at the play grounds....I won't let my sons go to the play grounds alone anymore, there have been to many instances of harassment and bullying!!!!!!!

To me, everything is ok.

Too expensive to live in dumpy run down places, constant harassment from College Park police and UMD police auxiliary, too much traffic and poor road maintenance, too many drunk kids wandering around and DRIVING around, not much worthwhile to do other than go to the bar or eat out at pizza places.

Too many cars

Too many fast foods!

Too many rental houses. Would like to see more owner-occupies houses because young families do like College Park and its easy access to Metro.

Too many rental properties with tenants who are noisey and leave trash in the street

Too many rental properties

Not enough middle nor high schools

Crime

No police force

Many lazy PW employees don't do their job correctly

Too many speed cameras. Speed cameras fleece the public.

Too many student rentals, too many students per house, too many student cars.

Landlords fail to keep up property. Not enough nice restaurants.

Too many students in residential housing.

Too much green space being developed.

- -Too much dense development and more proposed
- -Traffic, traffic, traffic, traffic, traffic, traffic, traffic, traffic, traffic, traffic on US 1 and 193.

too much development equals too much traffic

Traffic

traffic

TRAFFIC

Traffic

Traffic congestion - lack of parking

Traffic congestion (contributed to by over development both related to the University and off-campus housing as well as over development in neighboring jurisdictions).

traffic on Route 1; light at Guilford Road and Route 1 which gives mere second for cars exiting Calvert Hills and a long green light to eastbound traffic. Why can't west bound vehicles get those few seconds to themselves without sharing the time with eastbound traffic? It happens that traffic turning left from Guilford Road can't do so because of pedestrians crossing Route one and eastbound traffic turning right. It's infuriating

Traffic on route one; "run down" look of neighborhood

Traffic on Rt. 1

traffic!!! student renters.

Traffic, inconsiderate neighbors, cannot park in the front of my own home, stupid speed bump placed on the side of my home-right (I'm talking inches) before a stop sign, and the fact that I have to travel outside of the city for shopping, restaurants, can't even go to CD Depot anymore because of the additional Chinese Buffet (yeah-we really needed that). Look I don't mean to be so pessimistic-but I used to love College Park-that is why we moved here-I am sad to see it going downhill.

Traffic, noise, group rental houses

Trash by the side of the roads, traffic on route 1, route 1 itself above the University does not look inviting and some areas do not appear safe. I think that if you want more families to live here you should offer more family type events. My children grew up in CP and we always had to go to Berwyn Heights or Greenbelt to find certain types of entertainment. This isn't just a college town. The residents should feel like this is their home town.

Trash down town on Saturday and Sunday mornings, residential and commercial buildings not kept up, property over grown, lack of police force/surveillance

Trash in yard, thrown by passersby/students

Trashy neighbors and over abundance of students to a single family home

Traffic, and the overbuilding of properties on Route 1 that will exacerbate the traffic problems

unkempt yards in student housing

unkept rental properties, parking challenges

unmaintained residential yards/aesthically-challenged, neglected houses/too many rentals/uninhabited houses/squatters/congested traffic, particularly US-1 corridor/graffiti

unruly college kids

Vacant and dilapidated businesses and houses in North College Park

Vandalism and fear of vandalism by student rentals. Very upset about idea of a high school coming. This could make it very difficult to continue to try to raise a family here.

very little decent retail establishments

What I like least is also what I like least we really could use more doctors and more shopping opportunities especially in the Hollywood area of College Park.

Would like to receive the old type newsletter by mail rather than having the Gazette thrown in my front yard and often wet